

# Hear James W. Ford Speak At Dreamland Auditorium, S.F., Wednesday Night

By JAMES W. FORD

(Excerpts from the speech delivered by the Communist candidate Vice-President over the NBC network on September 21st.)  
Today when the reactionary forces gathered around the Hearst-Liberty League-Landon combination challenge our democratic institutions, the colored people have cause to be alarmed at the sinister threat from these Fascist-minded men. My people know what Fascism would bring. The activities of the Black Legion, the Ku Klux Klan, the Vigilantes, show that Fascism would mean the systematic organization of terror and violence

against us, would make lynch rule the law of the land. . .  
"The colored voters in this election should remember that a political party like the Republican Party which is tied up with the worst Negro-haters in the country, deserves nothing but contempt when it comes around appealing for votes in the name of the Great Emancipator. . .  
"President Roosevelt's administration has made a few concessions to my people. But none of us can forget that his party is based on the South, where colored men and women are not permitted to live as human beings. President Roosevelt spoke the other day about 'still waters' and 'green pastures.' But what

'green pastures' do my people lie? By what 'still waters' do they walk? They lie on faggots of fire and red hot coals. They are crucified with burning spikes. They live in the stench of burning flesh and wallow in their own blood. . .  
"My friends, we colored people must in this campaign throw our support on the side of those forces working for progress. By uniting our own people, by building up a mighty untied movement of the colored population, we can throw our support on the side of all those who are building a People's Front against reaction in this country, a Farmer-Labor Party of all the people, black and white alike, against the sinister forces of Wall Street. . .

"The Communist Party has always had as one of its fundamental aims the real emancipation of the colored people, and the unity of the black and white masses. . .  
"The Communist Party is truly the party for the colored people. I am proud to be its standard-bearer for the Vice-Presidency of the United States, and to be the running mate of Earl Browder, Communist candidate for President, and himself a champion of Negro rights. This shows that the Communist Party is the inheritor of the traditions of John Brown, of Abraham Lincoln and of our own Frederick Douglas. We urge you, Negro and white, to become members of our Party. . ."

For Negro People's Rights—  
Hear Ford Speak At Eastside  
Auditorium, L. A., On Oct. 11

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# UNION SOLIDARITY FORCES SHIPOWNERS TO ACCEPT 15-DAY TRUCE ON THE WATERFRONT

## GAS ATTACKS IN 29TH DAY OF SALINAS STRIKE

50 Pickets Arrested By Armed Deputies; Cowan Proposal

SALINAS—A new frameup attempt against Salinas strikers was sprung on Thursday. Three workers were arrested following three explosions in the yard outside the Salinas Valley Ice Co. lettuce shed.  
The explosion caused no damage, and smacked of the typical "set up" methods of the employer-police.  
The Monterey County Board of Supervisors was again on Friday planning an anti-picket ordinance. Such a law passed after the 1934 lettuce strike was quickly repealed due to protests.  
C. D. Mansalves, Filipino leader, was on Thursday freed of "vagrancy" charges.

SALINAS—The twenty-ninth day of the Salinas lettuce workers' strike saw a renewal of terror by the growers, shippers and the authorities.  
Not to be outdone in anti-labor viciousness by the Monterey County officials, Sheriff Devitt of Santa Cruz County on Wednesday directed a tear-gas attack on strikers in a mass picket line at the Kelly-Thompson ranch (Cont. on P. 2, Col. 8)

## L.A. Labor Called To Halt Lettuce

LOS ANGELES.—Charging that if Los Angeles produce companies were not handling hot lettuce from the Salinas Valley, the strike would have been ended by now, Frank Menezes and C. J. Foster, representatives of the Fruit and Vegetable Workers Union in Salinas, stated here that an investigation showed 35 carloads of Salinas lettuce, 312 crates to a car, are being shipped east out of Los Angeles every day.  
It is reported that more than 200 strikebreakers have been hired by local produce merchants (Cont. on P. 3, Col. 4)

## I.L.A. Strike On South Atlantic

MIAMI—A temporary truce was agreed to in the I.L.A. strike here, pending further negotiations.

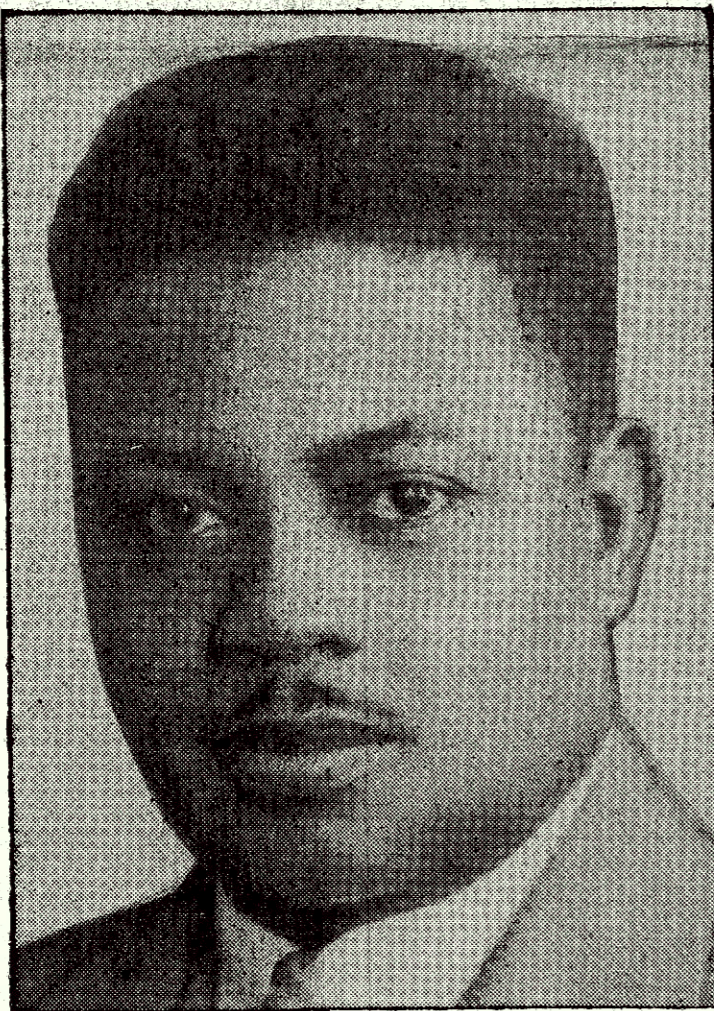
MIAMI, Fla.—A strike of 200 members of the International Longshoremen Assn. here in this port tied up Clyde-Mallory ships.

Seaboard was immediately hired by the Clyde-Mallory Co. Negro and white longshoremen are involved in the strike.  
Holt Ross, Gulf Coast representative of the A.F.L. and the I.L.A., said that all Atlantic ports south of Wilmington, N. C., may be struck, in the demand for union recognition and higher wages.  
The shipowners refused to confer with Ross.

## FORD GIVES PROGRAM OF COMMUNISTS

Expect Packed House At Dreamland Aud. To Hear Vice-Presidential Nominee; Oakland, L. A., San Diego Meets.

SAN FRANCISCO—Bearing the standard of the Communist Party in the 1936 elections and of the struggle for Negro rights, James W. Ford, Communist candidate for Vice-President, will speak to what is expected to be a packed



house here next Wednesday night, October 7th, at 8 p. m., at Dreamland Auditorium.

Ford will arrive by plane Wednesday morning, and will be greeted at the San Francisco airport by a reception committee. He will stop at the Whitcomb Hotel.

In the afternoon the Communist leader will meet with a (Cont. on P. 3, Col. 5)

## Madrid Gets Set For Its Verdun

By MICHAEL KOLTZOV (Famed Soviet Correspondent)  
MADRID — (By Cable) — Will Madrid be the Spanish Verdun, or will it share the fate of the Paris Commune?  
Though Madrid can fight as only the capital of Spain is capable of fighting, this question will be decided by the public opinion of the world and the peoples of all countries, who must raise their threatening voice against the new monstrous crime, the new mass slaughter which is being prepared by the Fascist war-makers.  
Nazi "Neutrality"  
The possibility of surrounding (Cont. on P. 2, Col. 1)

## REVEAL HOW SHIPOWNERS HIRE KILLERS

Expose Shows That They Have Big Arsenals

SEATTLE—Hired killers' preparations for a four months' war against labor on the waterfront, including the exact location of a veritable arsenal, have been discovered here.  
This disclosure was made in a copyrighted story in the Commonwealth News of Sunday, Sept. 27th.

The News disclosed also that the notorious "Law and Order League" is implicated in this "arsenal" where gunmen are hired in preparation for the scheduled lockout of maritime workers and advised to "shoot to kill."

The News disclosed that leaders of the Republican Party are aware of and implicated in the illegal operations of this center for paid gunmen.

These groups are shown to have been working with the notorious "Tanker" Smith, famed gunman of the 1934 strike.

A Machine Gun Nest  
Smith's headquarters were found at 3215 E. Madison Street, Seattle, and entered by a reporter for the News. Mrs. C. A. Smith, wife of the ill-famed "Tanker," disclosed that the house was surrounded by machine guns in the surrounding houses, which could rake the whole block with rapid gunfire.  
The News reporter entered the place after suspicion had been aroused by the fact that numerous cars registered to prominent reactionaries had been stopping there. He wrote that he reprinted (Cont. on P. 2, Col. 2)

## Air Waves Carry C.P. Campaign

Chock-full of broadcasts carrying the message of the Communist Party platform will be the ether waves this week.  
Peter J. Garrison, Communist candidate in the 26th Assembly District, speaks on "Why Negroes Should Vote Communist," over KROW, San Francisco, on Monday, 6:45-7 p.m.

James W. Ford, candidate for Vice-President, speaks over KGO, San Francisco, 5:30-5:45 p.m., on Thursday, October 8th. Louis Rosser, 62nd Assembly District candidate, speaks over KMTR, Los Angeles, 8-8:15 p.m., the same night.

Browder Speaks  
Earl Browder, presidential candidate, gives "A Message To Youth" over a national hookup, including KGO, S.F.; KECA, L.A.; and KFSD, San Diego, on Friday, October 9th, 7:45-8 p.m. Ford immediately follows over KECA in L.A. at 8 p.m.

Funds to carry on further broadcasts are urgently needed, stated the State Election Campaign Committee, asking donations to be sent to 121 Haight St., San Francisco.  
The week-end of October 17th and 18th was designated by the committee as State Collection Days for the Communist election campaign fund.

PORTLAND, Ore.—Endorsement of the C.I.O. was made by the convention of the Sawmill and Timber Workers Union, affiliated with the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners.

## STILL STRIKERS WERE UNDAUNTED



AN ARMY of over 1000 armed vigilantes were recruited against the Salinas strikers, and still the strikers remained solid. Photo shows them facing vigilantes.

## Show How Shippers Plan To Use ROTC

BERKELEY—On the eve of a possible waterfront lockout, the real part the employers expect the Reserve Officers Training Corps to play was revealed in classroom problems

## GAS-SELLER IS 'FORGETFUL'

McCarty's Memory On Bribery Bad

SAN FRANCISCO—Tremendous pressure from certain quarters—not hard to guess—must have made Ignatius McCarty, ace tear-gas salesman, so forgetful.

McCarty appeared before the graft-investigating grand jury here, which summoned him on his return from Washington.  
In Washington, earlier this (Cont. on P. 2, Col. 5)

## 2 More Unions Blast CIO Ban

PITTSBURGH—Another international union has gone on record against the suspension of the 10 C.I.O. unions.

The Bakery and Confectionery Workers International, holding its golden jubilee convention here, has protested the C.I.O. suspension as "a serious menace to the unity and solidarity so necessary to the labor movement in America." The 300 delegates represent 37,000 members.

Bakers' delegates to the coming A.F.L. convention in Tampa were instructed to vote against expulsion of the C.I.O. unions.

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## Idea Proposed First By The Marine Unions

Maritime Commission Wire For An Unconditional Truce Accepted At Last Moment By Shippers.

SAN FRANCISCO—Originally proposed by the maritime unions, a 15-day truce under present working conditions was accepted by the shipowners Wednesday toward midnight, when the zero hour in the waterfront situation was only a few moments away.

The truce agreement was made without future commitments of any kind.

The shipowners were forced to back down in their original stiff-necked attitude, in the face of continued unity of all the maritime unions, as expressed through the meetings of the Joint Negotiations Committee.

## No Arbitration

A first proposal from the newly set up Maritime Commission, of three admirals, telegraphed from Washington, called for virtually what the shipowners' coast committee had arrogantly demanded. This wire suggested a 60-day truce, with agreement by the International Longshoremen's Association to accept arbitration.

The I.L.A. again pointed out that it could agree to no arbitration on shipowners' demands which meant actual wrecking of the maritime unions—abolition of the hiring hall, 6-hour day, penalty clauses, etc.

The shipowners' committee then called for a 30-day truce. (Cont. on P. 2, Col. 7)

## Radio Gag Put On King Defense

SAN FRANCISCO—The true story of the attempt to frame Earl King, Frank J. Conner and Ernest G. Ramsay in the Point Lobos murder case was not allowed to be told over the radio this week.

Station KLS in Oakland, after signing a contract for four broadcasts to be given by the King-Conner-Ramsay Defense Committee, suddenly decided that there had been a "misunderstanding."

The fact that the Defense Committee had spent a considerable amount of money to advertise the broadcasts didn't bother the radio station.

Hugh O'Neill of the Marine (Cont. on P. 2, Col. 5)

## EARL BROWDER ARRESTED IN FASCIST MOVE

Constitution's Rights Violated In Debs' Birthplace

TERRE HAUTE, Ind.—Earl Browder was released Thursday at 8:45 a. m., more than 24 hours after he was illegally arrested with four other leading Communists. "Vagrancy" charges against the five were dismissed by the prosecution at the opening of City Court.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind.—"Fascism is not far distant in the United States, unless the American people unite to fight it," declared Earl Browder, citing the arrest here of himself, and four other leading members of the Communist Party, on charges of "vagrancy" to prevent a speaking appearance by the Communist candidate for President.

Browder is the first presidential candidate to be jailed since (Cont. on P. 2, Col. 3)

## Marine Firemen Strike East Coast Ships

NEW YORK—Refusal of the United States Lines to recognize newly elected rank and file officials of the Marine Firemen's Union led to a strike which tied up the President Roosevelt. . . About 235 seamen walked out. The liners Pennsylvania and the freighter American Trader and J. L. Luckenbach may also be tied up.

## \$10,000 SPENT FOR GAS AGAINST SALINAS STRIKE

200 Rounds Have Been Fired Against Lettuce Workers So Far

SALINAS—Close to \$10,000 is admitted to have been spent for tear-gas and equipment against the Salinas strikers to date.

At least 200 rounds of tear gas have thus far been fired on the strikers by state highway police and deputized vigilantes. Salinas city police and Monterey County sheriff's deputies laid in \$6500 worth of gas for use against the strikers. This was purchased before the strike ever began.  
In addition to this, the State Patrol brought nearly \$2842 worth of gas to the strike area. This had been purchased for use against the Orange County strike a few months ago. Most of it, left over from Orange County, was brought to Salinas. The Salinas authorities bought \$1500 worth of their tear gas from the Lake Erie Chemical Co., whose representative on the coast is Ignatius McCarty, of San Francisco. \$5000 worth was bought from Federal Laboratories.



# FIND PLENTY LIQUOR GRAFT IN SAN JOSE

### Fritz Sentenced; 4 Finally Indicted In S.F. Probe

SAN JOSE.—William D. Foley, local attorney, and Ray Hicks, former chief liquor enforcement officer for this district, were charged with operating a well organized shakedown system here in testimony before the opening session here of the Donihue Assembly Audit Committee's investigation into liquor graft.

Deal Out 2 Counts  
ALAMEDA.—B. Ray Fritz, ex-city manager of this city, was sentenced to 1-14 years in prison for perjury by Superior Judge Tyrrell of Oakland last Wednesday. He was also given six months to five years for inducing a witness to testify falsely, but sentence will run concurrently.

Fritz's counsel said no appeal would be made against the conviction, indicating a back-stage deal whereby Fritz will not be prosecuted on two other indictments charging subornation of perjury and conspiracy to bribe.

It's About Time  
SAN FRANCISCO.—After more than five months of probing, the grand jury finally made a small stab at police graft here last week when it indicted two former cops and two alleged bookmakers. Assistant District Attorney Gillen said the indictments were only "forerunners" of further indictments.

# Rally To Defense Of Madrid

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ing and besieging Madrid is very serious at the present moment. It will be very difficult to put up resistance, particularly because Fascists literally machine gun republican soldiers from low flying, swooping German pursuit planes.

The insurgent commander have sent all their accumulated forces and all the arms received from abroad, against Toledo and Madrid.

The government air force, very poor as it was, is even worse now, and as a result of the so-called "neutrality" the Fascist aviation and their mechanized means of warfare are much superior to those of the government troops. The insurgents have well-equipped cavalry, while the Republicans are only forming theirs.

The Fascists' superiority in arms, plus their vital necessity to consolidate themselves in the center of the country before winter sets in—all this taken together increases the determination and the audacity of the Fascist offensive.

Prepare Iron Defense  
The million-fold population of this great city is preparing for its defense and undergoing the privations of the front. The activities for reinforcing the outskirts of the city are being rushed night and day.

On Sunday, several short and tempestuous meetings were held, each attended by many thousands of people.

The people's initiative is spontaneously bringing forward new forms of organization of the defense of the city, from the whole city down through separate quarters to streets and separate houses.

But the reports of intentions and the preparations of the insurgents compel us to expect the worst.

The Fascists will not stop at anything in their choice of means for capturing the Spanish capital.

Frankly speaking, the women and children of Madrid need not only bread, milk and water, they also need gas masks.

# HE HOB-NOBS WITH FASCISTS



DAVID LLOYD GEORGE, British Liberal Party leader, has now discovered Hitler to be okei, as this photo, taken during Lloyd George's recent visit to Germany shows. But—(See next picture on this page.)

# REVEAL SHIPOWNERS HIRED KILLERS, SET UP ARSENALS AGAINST WATERFRONT LABOR

### Republican Party Shown To Be Implicated In Mapping Out Reign of Terror On Pacific Coast

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sent himself as being from the Seattle Marine Wrecking Company, seeking to get price quotations on guns and ammunition. He was sent from there to see "Tanker" personally on a Harbor Island dock where a Shell Oil tanker was unloading.

Here he represented himself as an ex-marine, sent by Ralph Horr, Republican candidate for governor in the last election, looking for a job as a guard. The prints of a facsimile of a note given to the reporter, saying in Smith's handwriting, "O. K. for guard duty by Ralph Horr," and signed C.A.S.

Ralph Horr's name was used as a reference because his car was one of those checked at "stopping at the 'arsenal' at 3215 Madison Street. It proved the proper introduction to the confidence of Smith, who told the reporter "... if Ralph Horr sent you out here, you're all right. I know him pretty well, and his brother Roy works for me as one of my guards."

Wanted 300 Guards  
Smith then asked the reporter to send other ex-marines to him, saying he would need 300 guards by Sept. 30th.

Smith also said: "When the mobs start coming out here on the waterfront then I want you to shoot—and shoot to kill! No monkeying around hitting 'em in the legs—shoot 'em in the guts every time."

By way of assurance, Smith boasted of one of his guards who had killed a striker at Point Wells in 1934.

"They were gonna hang him for murder," said Smith, "but the case never even got to court. And right now he's drawin' \$350 a month from the Standard Oil Company. I tell you there's thirty million dollars' worth of shipping companies and ninety-five million dollars' worth of oil companies backing you when you kill anybody here."

Back at the arsenal with the note to Mrs. Smith, the reporter filled out an application card for guard duty, a blank copy of which was reproduced in the News.

At the same time he received a note from Mrs. Smith to a former employee of "Tanker" giving the address of a former employee of "Tanker" with a gun for sale. When she found the reporter had no gun permit, she is quoted as saying: "We have a judge downtown who gets all our gun permits. I'll send you down to him Friday when we have a couple of more boys ready."

The reporter bought the gun, holster and ammunition for \$11, and the news prints a photographic reproduction.

Günmen's Political Tieups  
Political tieups of the gunman's organization with civic leaders was traced by C. S. Dawson, writing in the same issue of the News.

Dawson wrote that he called the Republican Party headquarters asking for "some more of those American Liberty League application blanks for work as a strike-breaker during the coming waterfront strike." For the purpose he chose the shipowners' term of "strike" rather than the lockout that is actually in the offing.

From the Republican headquarters he was referred after some delay to Herbert Bouson, vice-president of the Chester J.

# DEPT. OF STATE LAID DOWN ON SIMPSON CASE

### Could Have Had Him Freed, I.L.D. Charges

NEW YORK.—While John G. Simpson, 70-year-old father of Lawrence Simpson, stated in Seattle that his son was framed in the Nazi courts, the International Labor Defense charged that the U. S. State Dept. could have secured the seaman's release if it had wanted to.

Anna Damon, acting national secretary of the I.L.D., announced that the defense organization will redouble the campaign for Simpson's release. (Simpson, American seaman, seized by Nazi secret police 15 months ago on board the American ship "Manhattan" at Hamburg, has been sentenced to 3 years in a concentration camp on "treason" charges.)

# Warn Against New Red-Baiting Sheet

Maritime Workers are warned against a new red-baiting sheet, the self-styled "Maritime Mirror."

Pretending to "reflect the opinion of the Rank and File," as its masthead states, the new sheet, published in San Francisco, resorts to red-baiting as vicious as does the Hearst press, except "that it does so in a more subtle manner, disguising its spitting methods under cover of a false progressive front."

Someone named Meadows, in the office of the red-baiting sheet, told a Western Worker reporter that the following constituted a sort of ex-officio editorial board of the sheet:

Burke, secretary of the Pacific Coast Marine Cooks; Farrell of the Marine Firemen; Leopold, patrolman for the Marine Cooks, and Hunt, dispatcher for the Marine Cooks.

Meadows said further that co-operation was being gotten from Barney Maves, Trotskyite, whose record was exposed recently in the Western Worker.

This information is given for what it is worth; if any of the above-named wish to disassociate themselves from the red-baiting sheet, the Western Worker will be glad to print their repudiations, and maritime workers will be glad to know it.

The red-baiting sheet, by the way, although its masthead states it is "By Union Labor," and "For Union Labor," has non-union engraving and none of its staff members are members of the American Newspaper Guild.

In an attempt to get away with this, the sheet says "Newspaper Guild members WILL comprise the editorial department" and "the engravings and other work connected with the publishing of this paper WILL be done by union shops."

# James W. Ford: A Brief Biography

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ficer who discriminated against Negro troops.

Honorably discharged from Army. Worked as unskilled laborer in mattress factory, but quit when he learned he was being trained as a scab to replace white workers at a lower wage.

Became a parcel post dispatcher and member of Postal Workers Union, No. 1.

Joined the Communist Party. Delegate in 1929 to 2nd World Congress of League Against Imperialism, at Frankfurt, Germany. Delegate in 1930 to First International Conference of Negro Workers at Hamburg. Became leader in League of Struggle for Negro Rights in America.

In 1932 Communist vice-presidential candidate, with William Z. Foster for President.

Delegate in 1935 to 7th World Congress of the Communist International, elected as candidate to Executive Committee of the C.I.

Became head of Harlem Division of Communist Party in 1936. A member of the Central Committee and Political Bureau of C.P., U.S.A.

Nominated as Communist candidate for Vice-President in 1936, with Earl Browder for President.

# BUT BRITISH WORKERS AID FIGHT ON FASCISM



PHOTO SHOWS thousands of London workers gathered about Trafalgar Square, in a meeting to demand that the British government lift the embargo on munitions for the Spanish government.

# GAS-SELLER IS 'FORGETFUL'

### McCarty's Memory On Bribery Bad

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week, McCarty had opened his heart to the LaFollette civil liberties investigation committee, and told of liberal "greasing" for police officials, to get them to buy the Lake Erie Chemical Company's tear gas equipment for use against waterfront and other strikers.

It wasn't that the police officials had to be persuaded to use gas against strikers. The Lake Erie Chemical Co. has as competitor—the Federal Laboratories—and McCarty was out to see that police bought his company's products for use against strikes.

Before the San Francisco grand jury, McCarty denied that he had told the LaFollette committee that a San Francisco police captain had demanded a 25 per cent rakeoff on sales.

Chief graft investigator Atherton announced that after looking over McCarty's correspondence with the Lake Erie Co., he was convinced McCarty meant a Los Angeles and not a San Francisco police captain.

McCarty told the jury that he had trained himself to his mind to shut out details he thought he oughtn't to remember.

Names of San Francisco police officials who had accepted bribes were among the "details" he had shut out from his mind, McCarty said.

McCarty did tell the grand jury that during the 1934 waterfront strike he had delivered \$5000 worth of gas, and that the Federal Laboratories had sold the San Francisco police \$14,000 worth.

He said that a great part of this is still stored in the Hall of Justice, deteriorating because the San Francisco police haven't had a chance to make as much use of it since 1934, as they would have liked.

McCarty's correspondence, as revealed in Washington, showed that he expected new big orders for gas against the waterfront workers soon.

McCarty did remember, before the grand jury, that Police Sgt. Thomas McInerney and ex-cop Myron Gurnea had been pals with a man named Roush, who represented the Federal Laboratories. In fact, McCarty said, they'd gone on a cross-country trip with Roush.

# Radio Gag Put On King Defense

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Firemen's Union was finally allowed to speak Wednesday afternoon, but he was allowed to do no more than mention the names of the defendants and confine the remainder of his talk to the maritime situation in general.

Earl King, secretary of the Pacific Coast Marine Firemen's Union, Ramsay and Conner, union members, go to trial October 26 before Superior Judge Tyrrell in Oakland.

From Washington came word that John Brophy, director of the Committee for Industrial Organization, has asked the La Follette Committee investigating civil rights violations, to investigate the part played by employers' spies in framing King, Conner and Ramsay.

# Wholesale Fish Strike Spreads From S. F.

SAN FRANCISCO.—150 striking wholesale fish-handlers and teamsters here have been joined by wholesale fish butchers and delivermen in Oakland.

The strikers, members of the Butchers' Union and the Teamsters, demand a closed shop.

The unions have agreed to allow retail fish shops to handle fish from Seattle and other points not on the "unfair" list.

"Hot" fish from the strike areas, which include East Bay, San Francisco, Monterey, and Santa Cruz, is out.

# Shippers' Latest Propoganda Hits New Low Level

LOS ANGELES.—Seamen aboard the Grace Line's Santa Rosa were smiling cynically at a mimeographed letter that was distributed September 29 aboard ship, and no wonder. It was a thoughtful little note from the shipowners, expressing their deep concern for the seamen's welfare and warning them against "Red" plots.

Of course, the letter did not come directly from the shipowners, but in a roundabout and perfectly obvious fashion it showed its shipowner origin, for it bore the letter head of the American League Against Communism, of 935 Market Street, San Francisco.

The tone of the letter carried the implication that its writer considered the intelligence of seamen at about the low level of the average policeman.

In turn it flattered, cajoled, criticized, warned, and all in the vein an old-maid school teacher would adopt in trying to persuade a 10-year-old boy not to say naughty words or associate with boys who say there is no Santa Claus.

Summarized, the letter warned the seamen against contributing funds to political and class war prisoners, with the implication that any worker who gets into jail should stay there.

The letter said that most of these defense funds are "rackets"; all militant workers are "Reds"; all progressive union leaders are "Reds"; in fact, every worker who struggles for better wages and working and living conditions is a "Red."

# Shippers Plan To Use ROTC

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campus) and are planning to invade the campus, break up classes, destroy state property, etc.

Company A, 1st Infantry, California National Guard, has been mobilized in the Berkeley Armory, and has just arrived at Sather gate, completely armed and equipped, including tear gas bombs and gas masks.

Captain Company A, after making a reconnaissance, has just issued verbal orders, parts of which are as follows:

"You are familiar with the situation. This company will take up a position in readiness on the campus and prevent the strike sympathizers from entering the campus.

"1st platoon will protect the north edge of the campus along Hearst avenue from the Greek theatre to Oxford street.

"2nd platoon will send combat patrols of one squad each to the vicinity of the Memorial Stadium, Greek theatre and the intersection of Shattuck and University avenues.

"The company, less detachments, will remain on the alert here near Sather gate, where messages will be sent."

Requirement:  
1. Estimate of the situation by lieutenant 1st platoon.  
2. Orders of lieutenant 1st platoon to carry out his decision.

The American Students Union, in warning students against the use to which the R.O.T.C. may be put, is calling for the abolition of compulsory conscription into the strikebreaking outfit, and a thorough investigation of the R.O.T.C. and its aims by the Board of Regents.

# E. BAY COPS IN SLUGGER SPREE

### Concerted Attack On All Picket Lines

OAKLAND.—Evidently preparing for the threatened lockout of the maritime workers, the police of Oakland, headed by Chief Wahlman and Captain Lynch, have begun a general attack on all pickets around struck plants.

All Machinists picket lines were attacked and driven from the streets in the vicinity of the many shops closed by the long Machinists' strike.

Pickets in front of the Laher Auto Spring Co. on Broadway, where the Auto Mechanics Union has been conducting a strike, were chased off the street and told that they "had better keep off the streets if you want to keep out of trouble."

The police also attacked the pickets at the newly-struck plant of the U.S.L. Battery Co.

Organized labor is more and more seeing the necessity of a determined fight for the right to picket.

# Unions Force A 15-Day Truce

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with the unions agreeing to arbitration by the end of that period. This too was rejected, and the shipowners proposed a 15-day truce, again with the demand that basic issues in dispute be arbitrated.

Finally, when a lockout seemed inevitable, on the morning of October 1, the shipowners' committee accepted the 15-day truce, with the longshoremen and other maritime workers to remain under the 1934 agreement during the 15-day period ending October 15.

Capitalist Press Lies  
Despite this attitude of blocking a genuine truce, expressed by them up to the last minute, the shipowners are being credited by the San Francisco capitalist press with having made "the first move to break the impasse." (These are the words of the San Francisco News on Thursday. The Hearst press, in screaming headlines, sought to give the impression that Harry Bridges and the I.L.A. were doing all in their power to block peace on the waterfront.)

The proposal for a 15-day truce under present conditions was first made by the meeting last Friday of the Joint Negotiations Committee of all the maritime unions.

The last proposal made by the shipowners before accepting the unconditional truce was for a 60-day truce provided the I.L.A. would decide by Oct. 15 whether they would arbitrate all issues in dispute.

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The Maritime Commission's final wire stated:  
"F. M. Kelly, secretary joint negotiating committee, Union Recreation Center, 32 Clay street.  
"The following has been sent to the waterfront employers:  
"In view of the fact that the suggestion of the Maritime Commission for an extension of time for 60 days has not been accepted we urge that the shipowners of the Pacific Coast grant an extension of 30 days. In the meantime the maritime unions to work under present contract conditions for 30 days after September 30 until agreement can be reached.  
(Signed)  
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# GAS ATTACKS IN 29TH DAY OF SALINAS STRIKE

### 50 Pickets Arrested By Armed Deputies; Cowan Proposal

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Two miles east of Watsonville forty pickets were arrested. Armed Deputies Again Devitt commanded a squad of armed deputies.

The pickets were urging Filipino lettuce pickers to join the strike.

In an attempt to prevent Filipinos from joining the strike, Salinas authorities arrested two leaders of the Filipino Laborers Union: C. D. Mensalves and Manuel Luz. Trial on "vagrancy" charges began Wednesday.

Mensalves is general secretary of the Filipino Laborers Union, and a member of the executive committee of the California Conference of Agricultural Workers, which protested his arrest.

One hundred automobiles carrying strikers were reported to have been stopped on the road to Watsonville, and tuffed back to Salinas by state highway police.

The strikers were said to have been on the way to stage a protest demonstration at Santa Cruz County Jail, where the 40 arrested pickets were held.

Ten other pickets were arrested at other points.

Cowan Proposes Arbitration  
Although the strikers have shown the strongest determination against arbitration of the preferential hiring demand, Walter Cowan, a vice-president of the State Federation of Labor, announced he was drafting a letter to the Grower-Shipper Association, asking the employers to agree to arbitrate this basic demand.

Strikers have been dead set against arbitration of preferential hiring because they have felt that without this demand gained, they will be at the mercy of the grower-shippers, who will be able to crack down on union members and blacklist them freely.

Four Fruit and Vegetable Workers Union members were arrested on the Monterey side of border-line, as they jeered the conveying of auto-loads of scabs by under-sheriff Lemon and Deputy Norwell. High bail of \$1100 each was set, the men being held in county jail.

Cruise Carriel, one of the most vicious of all in the grower-shipper lineup, has resigned as executive secretary of the so-called Salinas Valley Citizens Association; a growers' organization.

"Union animosities that anyone holding my job would necessarily have aroused," caused him to "fade out of the picture," he said.

Trial of the three arrested Salinas strikers who are being defended by the International Labor Defense, has been set for October 14.

Luella (Happy) Branham's trial is scheduled for 10 a. m. on that date and the trial of L. Wilson and Bob McDonald at 2 p. m.

"United States Maritime Commission, Department of Commerce, Washington, D. C.:  
"Your telegram received. Unanimous approval given by joint meeting of representatives of all maritime unions to request that unions continue to work and that present contract conditions exist for 30 days after September 30. Unions now stand ready pending shipowners' acceptance of Maritime Commission's offer.  
(Signed)  
"F. M. Kelly, Secretary."

Negotiations with all the maritime crafts will be pushed in period of the 15-day truce.

Judge M. C. Sloss, Federal arbitrator in the previous agreement, stepped into the picture before the 15-day truce was agreed to, and decided in favor of the shipowners' contention that the award was to terminate on October 1.

A public mass meeting, sponsored by the I. L. A. in Seattle, attended by 3000 people, on Tuesday, scored the shipowners stand.

A resolution was passed calling on the La Follette committee to investigate the hiring of armed killers by the shipowners.

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LABOR AND POLITICS

By John Broman

The Western Worker has received the following letter from a working woman in Oakland, which is self-explanatory:

"To whom it may concern: "One of my children attending the University of Calif., Berkeley, brought home a booklet 'The Communist Election Platform.' I was game enough to read it through. I doubt if you will read this letter to the finish.

"To acquaint you with my environment, I will inform you I am a working woman, taking work I can get and am capable of performing. Believe me, when I say I have worked hard for 15 years. Have four children, two of whom attend college. (They are bright children with much character—do not expect or want the government to support them or to take away their initiative.)

"You say in your booklet: 'Open the closed factories.' Is it not the men with money who own them? The majority of them have at one time been poor; through hard work, thrift and under the Constitution of the United States of America, have forged ahead to where they now stand.

"I am inclined to believe your policy would be to establish that institution, for it has God in it and you seem to have an aversion to anything supreme, even our Supreme Court.

"Our land is the richest in the world. It has the largest and most skilled working class. I quote from your booklet. You must admit we have a few good laws to bring this to pass.

"Where's your guts? Go out and pioneer a new country. Don't try to ruin ours.

"I would gladly give my name and address, but I am fearful you may do harm to my children. You inspire no trust.

"A true American, and thank Heaven there's many more of us."

Hearst's Dirty Work . . . This letter is printed because it shows only too well the dirty work that Hearst and his hired poison-pen artists have done among the American people.

Obviously, the writer has never met a Communist. Her ideas of what we are like have been obtained from reading the Hearst press, from reading the countless red-baiting attacks of reactionaries and Fascists.

That she knows no Communist Party members, is seen by her statement: "You inspire no trust!" Workers who have been on the picket lines with Communists, who have worked with Communists to build the trade unions, who have participated in fights for free speech and in defense of constitutional rights—such a statement could never come from such workers.

They know better.

We Love Our Country . . . Such workers know that Communists never sell out the working people to the reactionary bosses, never give an inch in fighting for the rights of and better conditions for the working people.

They know that Communists are people who love their country, who fight to save it from the capitalists who would plunge it into the depths of Fascist terror and misery, into another world war for capitalist profits. They know that Communists want America to provide a free, prosperous, peaceful and happy existence for the majority of its people—the working people.

Workers Supreme . . . The writer says we "seem to have an aversion to anything supreme, even our Supreme Court." We Communists are opposed to supreme reaction, to supreme terror and misery, to supremacy of the minority capitalist class.

Communist Party stands for the supremacy of the working people, who really have made America what it is today, who will make America in the future a better land to live in.

I hope that the writer of this letter reads this column, that her son or daughter in the University of California takes the Western Worker home. And if the writer wants more information about the Communist Party, from a Communist Party member and not from Hearst, let her write in to the Western Worker, giving her name and address. We Communists explain our program to all who are interested, never hide our aims, and pledge to fight to bring it into living reality—a free, prosperous and happy America.

A G.O.P. PHONEY . . . SAN FRANCISCO.—The recently organized "Jeffersonian Democratic Committee," supporting Landon, is a phoney. Clifford Anglim, chairman of the Democratic State Central Committee, said he had proof it is financed by Republicans.

ASHE ATTACKS FORD ON FLOP HOUSE ISSUES

CP Nominee Pledges Fight For Slum Clearance

LOS ANGELES — Attacking abominable slum conditions in the 14th Congressional District, Harold J. Ashe, Communist candidate for Congress in this district, stated in an interview here that they are among the worst in California.

He pledged himself to work strenuously, if elected to Congress, for an adequate program of slum clearance.

Long concerned with the living conditions imposed upon the working people of this section, Ashe conducted a thorough investigation in the slum area—which is always unmentioned in the nation-wide advertisements of show Los Angeles as a "paradise playground."

Ford Is Reactionary Ashe called attention to a speech before the local Chamber of Commerce by the incumbent, Thomas J. Ford, in which he opposed Federal assistance in remedying the miserable housing conditions on Bunker Hill and in the area east of Main Street.

Ford has since repudiated this stand and that this is to be expected, said Ashe, for Ford is a liberal among liberals and a reactionary when he is among reactionaries.

Because of his support for huge naval expenditures, Ford is known as "Big Navy" Ford. He voted against the soldiers' bonus.

"Thanks to the All Year Club and other civic advertising groups, we have here in the 14th Congressional District one of the worst transient situations in the country," said Ashe.

Flop House Not only is Los Angeles the focal point for individuals in the upper brackets of wealth, but also it is a center for tens of thousands of workers who are brought in during so-called boom times and are forced to take up lodging in 10-cent flop houses when bad times fall upon them.

"If elected to Congress, I will insist on an adequate program for caring for these workers, regardless of transient status."

Ashe bitterly denounced the discrimination and segregation existing all over the city, saying the worst aspects of landlordism run rampant in the Central Avenue area, with enormously disproportionate rents.

This program of segregation brings intense hardships on the Negro people, for they are not permitted to rent elsewhere and must pay exorbitant rates here, Ashe stated.

Discrimination against Negroes and other minority races is a strong point in Ashe's platform. He pointed out that regardless of the ability or skill of the Negro worker, he is invariably pushed into the lowest paid jobs in industry, on Federal projects and county and city civil jobs.

Ashe said that the County Committee of the Communist Party has appealed on several occasions to the Socialist Party but that it has not yet recognized the necessity of united action with the Communists.

"As a result, large numbers of voters, disillusioned with the old line parties and seeking a means to express their resentment, will split the vote between the Socialist candidate, Glen Trimble, and myself," declared Ashe.

"This can only hurt the working class in its struggle for unity. Had we been able to attain unity, it can easily be seen that either Trimble or myself, with this support, could poll a larger vote than the probable combined vote of us both."

As the only candidate urging such unity and working for a Farmer-Labor Party, Ashe deserves the votes of all liberal forces who want to build a bulwark against reaction.

Stove Mounters Strike Looming In Los Angeles . . . LOS ANGELES.—Smartering with resentment because of the beating administered to several members of the Stove Mounters' Union by O'Keefe-Merritt thugs and the viciously anti-labor attitude of the concern to employees, William Lewis, International Vice-President of the Stove Mounters Union, stated here last night that the coming week would likely see a strike called at the O'Keefe-Merritt plant.

He said that the company had fired so many union men that it is being compelled to re-employ them so as not to hold up production.

Wages at the O'Keefe-Merritt plant are as low as 35 cents per hour and the workers are forced to work 13 and 14 hours.

FORWARD TO A MASS COMMUNIST PARTY!

By WILLIAM Z. FOSTER

Not a day further should be missed to bring the Party recruiting drive into swing in the factories, in the trade unions, in the mass organizations, among the Negro people, the youth of America—these thousands and thousands of potential Communists. The readiness of these masses for Party membership is proven by the response of new and ever new masses to our election platform, by the splendid election rallies.

The problem is to organize the recruiting drive. Every Party member in the trade unions, in the factories, must understand that his duty is to bring into our ranks his fellow-workers who agree with our program.

Every shop unit, industrial unit, the branches, must have its plan of action, the aim of which must be to double their membership by developing the election campaign on the basis of the local issues, by building united fronts in the factories, in the neighborhoods, in the struggle for the daily demands.

Leaders, Give Example! The Recruiting Drive will be successful only to the extent that the two to three thousand comrades constituting the leading personnel of the Party stimulate the campaign by their own personal example, will help the lower organizations, the units in their everyday activities.

Every mass meeting, every campaign, every activity must bring results in new members into our ranks. Every election speech, by radio and in meetings, must call upon the workers to join the Party.

The units must have open membership meetings, at which workers are invited to discuss the plans of the Party in the election campaign, and thus draw in recruits from among the thousands of good fighters of the trade union movement into our ranks.

This will not only strengthen our Party numerically, but will strengthen the ties of our Party with broad organized masses, will strengthen the progressive movement in the A.F.L. unions.

We Must Double Membership We must come out of this Recruiting Drive with our membership doubled, which would mean a Party more strongly entrenched among large masses.

The stronger our Party, the more mighty a factor it will be in bringing about the broad People's Front—a Farmer-Labor Party—a powerful force in the political life of the country.

The power to double our Party membership is in our own hands. All we have to do is to perform a little work and show some real Bolshevik activity.

The Resolution on Organization, adopted at the Ninth National Convention of our Party, published in a recent Daily Worker, should be studied by every Party member, by every sympathizer in the trade unions and mass organizations, and should be put aggressively into effect.

McShann Thanks Organizations For Support . . . LOS ANGELES.—James McShann, recently released from Lincoln Heights Jail, where he was railroaded following a brutal police attack on an unemployed demonstration on June 1st, 1934, issued the following statement:

"I send a vote of thanks to the International Labor Defense, District 14, unemployed locals, trade unions and other mass organizations that have contributed to the support of financing the comforts rendered during my confinement of more than two years.

"I am fully conscious of how impossible it might have been without said comforts, and I appreciate fully the valiant services rendered."

Phone Counting In L.A. Primaries Is Charged . . . LOS ANGELES.—Superior Judge C. D. Ballard has ordered a recount of ballots in five primary election contests following charges of irregularities.

Chief interest is centered around the election of the reactionary Supervisor Leland M. Ford in the fourth supervisorial district, where William H. Barclay has contested Ford's election. Barclay claims a recount will place his name on the November ballot.

Assemblyman Lee Geyer, Democrat, is contesting nomination of Charles J. Golden in the 17th Congressional District.

Other recounts ordered are in the 16th District, where John F. Dockweiler's nomination is fought by George A. Heap; 60th Assembly District, where James M. Carter questions nomination of Geoffrey F. Morgan; 68th Assembly District, where the nomination of Fred Reeves is contested by John T. Rawls.

Both plants are being picketed.

E. Bay Battery, Tile Plants Struck . . . OAKLAND.—Workers in two East Bay plants are on strike under the leadership of Federal Local 20,218.

About 110 workers of the U.S. Lead Battery Corp. plant, Oakland, went out for a 10% wage increase and reduction of working hours from 45 to 40 a week. Union recognition is also demanded.

Sales manager Wray resorted to the usual threat of moving the plant to Los Angeles. This is regarded as a bluff.

The Kraftite Co. tile manufacturing outfit, was tied up by a strike of 50 workers, also members of Local 20,218. The strikers demand a wage increase to 50 cents an hour. Present wages are 40c.

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C. P. COMBATS VIGILANTISM

Congressman Buck Is Vigilante-Backer In Vacaville

VACAVILLE—Who advocates force and violence, was pretty well shown here recently when Bud Peters, vigilante cop of Vacaville, openly threatened to dynamite the building shown above, on which the Communist candidates in the November elections are advertised.

Peters threatened to carry out the dynamiting unless the sign was erased from the building. Julian Sanchez, 72-year-old resident and taxpayer of Vacaville, defended his right to keep the sign on his building and told the officer that he would defend his property with a shotgun if necessary.

The same night the City Council met here, and after the meeting a gang of vigilante thugs sneaked up to the sign under cover of the night and threw paint on it.

Vigilantism in Contra Costa County is openly fostered by the reactionary elements—in Vacaville, by Frank H. Buck, arch-reactionary incumbent congressman, and the Bank of America. The bank and Buck dominate this town.

The Communist Party calls on all friends of democracy and enemies of vigilantism to protest to Mayor Ed Cox of Vacaville, District Attorney Lynch of Fairfield, and Congressman Frank H. Buck of Vacaville.

Hotel Jim-Crows Communist Party Candidate

LOS ANGELES.—In a flagrant case of racial discrimination, the Rosslyn Hotel refused reservations for James W. Ford, Communist candidate for Vice-President, here last Tuesday.

When Emma Cutler called for the Communist Election Campaign Committee and asked for reservations for Ford on October 9th to 11th, the hotel clerk said rooms were available.

When Miss Cutler informed him that Ford was a Negro, the clerk replied: "What's that? A Negro! Just a minute."

Returning to the phone, the clerk said it would be impossible to provide accommodations for Ford and hung up the receiver without waiting for a reply.

The Communist Party immediately instructed an attorney to carry the case to court, both in respect to penal and civil suits, as provided by law.

Ford Gixes Program Of Communists In 1936 Elections

(Continued from Page One) group of Negro and white people at a reception.

Entertainment Chairman of the Dreamland meeting will be Lawrence Ross, 5th Congressional District candidate and Western Worker editor. A skit depicting struggles of the Negro people will be presented, to be followed by a Negro quartette, including John Nelson, Les Darant, James Darnelle and Cameron Brown, with Wesley Peoples, accompanist.

Speakers, in addition to Ford, will be Sam Jaye, 20th Assembly District candidate; a Negro woman representing the Ford reception committee, and Mini Carson.

Ford will also speak over radio station KGO 5:30-5:45 p.m., Thursday, October 8th.

All persons with automobiles are urged to report to 121 Haight Street Saturday at 7 p. m., to participate in an auto parade, headed by a float, advertising the Ford meeting.

Other Meetings James W. Ford will also speak in Oakland at Municipal Auditorium Theatre, 12th and Fallon Streets, on Thursday, October 8th, 8 p. m.

Hoodlums Active In Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES.—Hoodlums destroyed the election campaign sign over the 14th Congressional District headquarters of the Communist Party at 403 North Mountain View Ave. here last Monday night. The sign urged people to vote for Earl Browder and James W. Ford, for President and Vice-President, and for Harold J. Ashe, for Congress in the 14th.

Thomas Gets Luke Warm Reception

Norman Thomas, Socialist presidential candidate, ought to be convinced by his experiences with California working people that his impractical and sectarian slogan for the 1936 elections, "Socialism vs. Capitalism," is isolating him from the working class.

In Los Angeles last Tuesday night, Thomas spoke to about 2000, compared to the audience of 10,000 that greeted Earl Browder, Communist candidate for President.

Poor Attendance In San Francisco the following night, only about 500 heard the Socialist candidate in comparison to 9000 who heard Browder.

Thomas continued, in his L.A. speech, to pooch-pooch the Fascist direction of the Republican Party, claiming there is no "immediate danger of Fascism."

"Landon is not a Fascist," said Thomas, disregarding the fact that Hearst, the Liberty League and all other Fascist-minded forces are behind the G.O.P.

"He only wants to return to the Coolidge-McKinley era. The Republican Party has not the nerve to be hard-boiled, even though it wants to be.

Throughout his S. F. speech, Thomas kept reiterating that the slogan is not Democracy vs. Fascism, but "Socialism vs. Capitalism." And then he went right ahead describing events throughout the country which show the march of Fascist tendencies!

Defends Trotskyites Thomas continued to make no differentiation between Republican and Democratic parties.

In a press interview in L. A., Thomas replied "absolutely not" to the question: "Could lack of unity of the Socialist and Communist parties be attributed to the influence of the Trotskyites within the Socialist Party?"

Although saying he did not have much sympathy with Kamenev, Thomas said there was "something funny about the trial" of the 16 terrorists recently executed in the Soviet Union, although all present at the trial, including famous lawyers from capitalist countries, praised the conduct of the trial. (See Pritt's statement on Page 5.)

Thomas sent protests against Earl Browder's arrest in Terre Haute, to Governor McNutt of Indiana and to President Roosevelt.

Machinists Heads Hit E. Bay Strike

MILWAUKEE.—Reactionaries dominating the Machinists' international convention put through an O.K. on revocation of Oakland, Cal. Local 284's charter. A. O. Wharton, international president, led the fight against Local 284.

The reactionaries upheld International organizer Nash in forming a dual lodge to break the strike of nearly 2000 machinists in 39 shops.

Local 284's charter was jerked because of its militant leadership and because it refused to call off its strike for wage increases and union recognition. The Grand Lodge declared the strike "out-law."

Nice Guys, These "Peace Officers"

SAN FRANCISCO.—John H. O'Connor, cop at the Western Addition police station, was suspended from the force and charged, with Ray Morris, with assault with intent to commit murder following a fight in a 3rd Street beerhall.

LOS ANGELES TRAILS S. F. IN PEOPLE'S CHEST DRIVE ---HOW'S ABOUT IT, L. A.?

Only Four Weeks To Election Day—Win A Beautiful Browder-Ford Photo Folder As Shock-Brigader Against Reaction

What's the matter with Los Angeles? San Francisco, with a much smaller Communist Party membership, again outstripped the Southern California metropolis last week in raising funds for the Communist election campaign.

The Bay city turned in \$141,057 for a fair week's results, but L. A. only turned in \$89,200.

San Diego picked up its heels and started going to town, raising \$59,74. Sonoma, a small section, is going strong to fill its quota, raising \$24 more last week. Fort Bragg, 'way up in the north, also did a pretty good job, turning in \$22,50.

Other funds received include Fresno \$30.03, which needs help from the outside; Oakland, \$37.15; Contra Costa, \$26.50; Santa Barbara, \$2; Bakersfield, \$2.

We Apologize The State Campaign Committee reports that, due to percentage difficulties, three counties were not credited with enough success in the Western Worker of September 28th. Los Angeles should have been credited with \$102.65, instead of \$89.30; Sonoma with \$83, instead of \$49.80; and Merced with \$11.12, instead of \$6.67.

Only four weeks left to election day! Let's go to town in this drive to keep the Communist Party on the air, and to popularize our election platform.

Here's an incentive—all those who collect \$5 on the coupon books, will receive a prize a beautiful folder with large pictures of Browder and Ford, our presidential candidates, inscribed by them.

Real Incentives! All those giving a full day's pay, plus collecting \$5 on the coupon books, will receive a special pin, inscribed, "For Election Work, 1936," and signed Central Committee, Communist Party, U. S. A., William Z. Foster, chairman.

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Judge Backs E Bay Anti-Picket Law . . . BERKELEY.—The anti-picketing ordinance of this city has been given full backing by Judge Oliver Youngs.

Youngs set December 31 for the naming of trial dates of 25 Warehousemen's Union members and 10 University of California students arrested recently before the Woolworth store, whose warehouse was struck by the Warehousemen's Union.

The pickets were testing the legality of the anti-picketing law.

"Berkeley has the right to control traffic on its sidewalks," Youngs said. "It is probable the City Council passed the ordinance believing all picketing on the streets was inimical to the good of the public."

San Jose Officials Threaten Anti-Labor Terror . . . SAN JOSE.—Authorities here have moved fast to ensure a duplicate of the anti-labor terror recently exhibited in Salinas.

Special deputies have been sworn in to "guard" local warehouses and packing sheds trying to handle scab Salinas lettuce.

Sheriff Lyle has been vicious against pickets who met scab Salinas truckdrivers.

Young Wire Truck Drivers' Strike Won In L.A. . . . LOS ANGELES.—Members of the Teamsters' Union who struck the Young's Market Company here were informed by Austin Vineyard, superintendent of the market, that demands presented by the union for a 20 per cent wage increase and reduction in hours to conform with union regulations would be placed in effect between October 1 and 10.

Fascist Union Party Off The Ballot . . . LOS ANGELES.—Because the state election law was not complied with, 55,000 signatures to Lemke-for-President petitions were rejected here last week by Registrar of Voters, Kerr, from approximately 75,000 names submitted to him.

The petitions were rejected because the required precinct numbers did not follow the names of the voters.

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## Shipowners Plan Murder

DISCOVERY of a shipowners' secret arsenal in Seattle and the unearthing of evidence showing the wholesale recruiting of a private army of gunmen by the shipowners are other proofs of their carefully laid plans to smash the maritime unions.

Determination by the shipowners to make September 30th the final showdown in a desperate attempt to bring pre-strike conditions back to the waterfront is evidenced by the "shoot to kill" order issued by the notorious scab-herder and thug, "Tanker" Smith.

The waterfront employers know they are dealing with thousands of militant trade unionists who are determined to defend their union organization and their wages and working conditions against the shipowners' offensive. They will therefore not stop at wholesale murder to try to break the back of the maritime unions.

The answer made by Comrade Browder to the charge that Communists are advocates of force and violence is strikingly borne out by this action on the part of the shipowners. "And when strikes occur—and when bloodshed takes place in connection with them," Comrade Browder declared, "that is not the result of Communist policies, or Communist activities. That is the work of the reactionary capitalists and their agents who are directly responsible for the strike and for troubles that arise out of the strike."

It is the reactionaries who advocate force and violence, who make a scrap of paper of the Constitution and the Bill of Rights, not Communists.

It is not surprising that the American Liberty League, according to the Seattle "News" investigator, has a hand in the recruiting of the gun-toting strikebreakers. This is the Communist analysis of the issues in this campaign strikingly demonstrated in life. The Republican Party, backed by Hearst and the American Liberty League, constitute the main danger of Fascism in America, our Party declares.

Coming on the heel of the revelations made to the LaFollette Committee of graft in connection with sale of tear-gas for strike-breaking activities in California, this latest exposure demands swift and decisive action. The notorious "Tanker" Smith, and his wife, equally active in the recruiting of thugs, should be summoned to appear before the LaFollette Congressional Committee. If they could be made to tell the truth, there would be plenty revealed about the cold-blooded, murderous preparations of the shipowners to smash the maritime unions—and the degree to which the reactionary Republican Party is involved!

## Intensify Campaign To Free Simpson

THE conviction of Lawrence Simpson, American seaman, of "high treason" by a Nazi court and his sentence of three years in prison still leaves our State Department untouched—as did his incarceration of fifteen months in a Nazi jail without having been brought to trial.

How could Simpson, a native American sailing under the American flag, be convicted of "treason" to Nazi Germany? Certainly no one but a citizen of a country can be guilty of betraying it! But Nazi courts evidently have the liberty to find anyone guilty of anything on the books if it suits their purpose.

Yet this farcical conviction has thus far elicited no protest from Secretary of State Cordell Hull, whose department is supposed to be vigilant in protecting the rights of Americans abroad! If, instead of a worker, the victim of perverted Nazi "justice" had been the son of a wealthy family, the State Department would have sent any number of firm notes demanding his release!

Had Simpson not been a worker the daily press would have printed long and indignant editorials on the case—but the capitalist press follows a hands-off policy. Some, as the San Francisco Chronicle of last Tuesday, even hint there may have been good reason for the arrest, detention and conviction.

Obviously mere reliance on the State Department will not accomplish anything in this case. But this Department can be forced to comply with its duty by the exertion of working class pressure. Trade unions—led by all maritime unions—must adopt resolutions of protest, addressed both to the State Department at Washington and to the German Consulates and the German Embassy, demanding the release of Simpson and demanding that the State Department take decisive steps to effect his release from the Nazi jails.

The conviction of Simpson calls for the building up of a nation-wide protest campaign to free him from the clutches of the Nazi beasts!

## Unemployed Workers—Vote Communist!

WHAT the unemployed can expect in case the Republican-Liberty League presidential ticket is elected can be seen not only from Landon's attacks against unemployment relief and his cry of balancing the budget at the expense of the unemployed—but as well by figures on increase of persons on relief, and decrease of relief standards, due to the administration's surrender to the policy of "quitting this business of relief."

This policy, resulting in cutting off of federal funds to many states, is another instance of Roosevelt's "surrender to the right" policy which the Communist Party criticizes in its election platform.

According to a recent report by Aubrey Williams, Deputy W.P.A. Administrator, the number of persons on federal relief jobs, together with those on the general relief rolls of the states and municipalities, increased by 217,310 cases in the spring of 1936 as compared with the same period last year. The total number of persons on relief this year is 18,463,000 as compared with 17,756,993 for the same period in 1935. Total estimated relief funds dropped from \$188,445,243 to \$52,000,000—a drop of 72 per cent for the same period.

The same report declares that the average monthly relief benefits per family receiving relief in the United States declined considerably in most states, and further points out that "obviously the cessation of the relief contributions of the Federal Government was the primary reason for the decline."

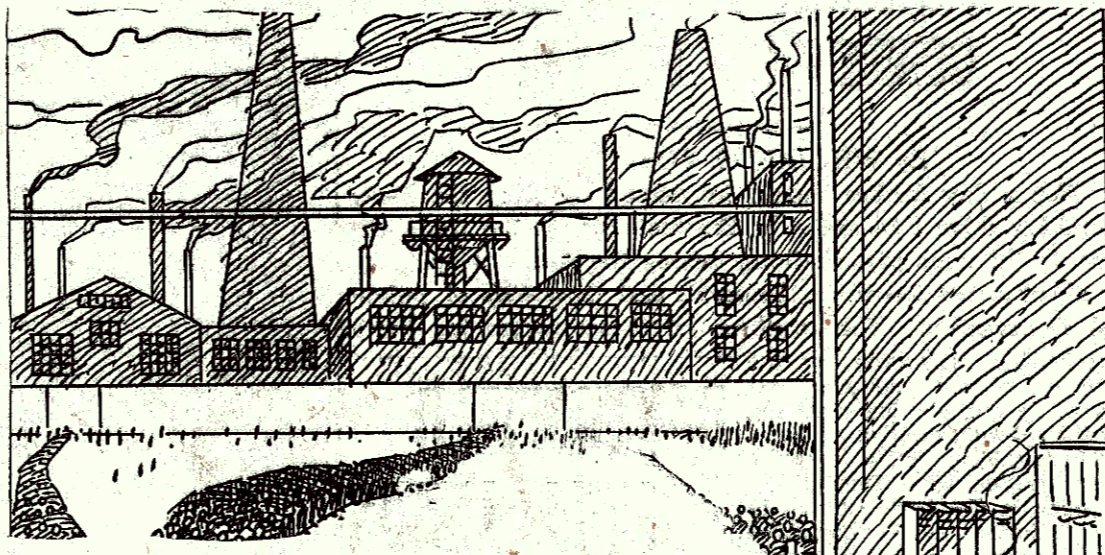
This is a clear indication of the fate of the jobless if the reactionary Landon is elected. Landon's policy, to throw the entire burden of unemployment relief back to the states would result in mass misery for America's unemployed millions!

Unemployed workers—those on direct relief and those on public works—must unite with the trade unions and other progressive organizations to build a Farmer-Labor Party. Such a party would guarantee trade union wages on all public works projects for all unemployed who are not yet given jobs in government operated factories, and would abolish direct relief.

Obviously the Roosevelt administration, on its record, cannot be relied on to protect the interests of the unemployed.

In the absence of a Farmer-Labor Party a vote for the candidates on the Communist ticket, running on a platform which could be adopted by a Farmer-Labor Party, is the best guarantee for the protection of a decent standard of relief for the unemployed workers and their families.

## Answer His Attacks—Build The Communist Party In The Shops!



## Fr. Coughlin Bids For Job As Hitler

By JOHN BROMAN

Several years ago a potential Fascist dictator was referred to as "America's Man On Horseback," under the theory that he would be a carbon-copy of Hitler or Mussolini even to the extent of dress and mannerisms. Then Huey Long made a bid for the job, even though riding on a jackass, but an assassin's bullet cut him down.

Now it appears that the most dangerous bidder for the job of Fascist dictator in the United States is Father Charles E. Coughlin, of the Catholic Church, riding piggy-back on William Randolph Hearst.

In an interview with Dale Kramer of the National Farm Holiday News, Father Coughlin openly declared himself a Fascist, saying: "We are at the crossroads. One road leads toward Fascism, the other toward Communism. I take the road toward Fascism."

Against Democracy  
 The priest openly allied himself on the side of Hitler, Mussolini, Franco, Hearst and Company, labeling even a Farmer-Labor government as "Communist," Coughlin ranted: "If a Communist government is elected, I will be out fighting it with a gun. The crisis will come before 1940."

Democracy means absolutely nothing to Father Coughlin, as is plain by this statement.

And the Fascist radio priest already has picked out his Goerings and Goebbels to aid him. At the convention of the National Union for Social Justice last summer were Rev. Gerald L. K. Smith, one-time aide to Huey Long, who proclaims he is going to organize storm-troopers a la Hitler; and William Lemke, "Union Party" candidate for President and Dakota congressman, who, it is now known, has made speeches in Congress in praise of Hearst.

Townsend's Role  
 Just what role Dr. Francis E. Townsend, founder of the old-age revolving pension movement will finally be cast in, cannot be determined as yet, but certainly the Long Beach doctor has gotten in with some tough customers and is playing their game at present.

How are the Fascists mobilizing against democracy? Under the slogan of "Roosevelt and Ruin," or as Dr. Townsend puts it, "Anyone but Roosevelt," they are trying to snag votes away from Roosevelt in order to elect the Hearst-Liberty League candidate, Alf Landon. They are trying to ensnare the votes of those workers, poor farmers and middle-class people who see that capitalism is bankrupt, that Roosevelt stands for capitalism. These people would ordinarily vote for Roosevelt as less reactionary than Landon, but become trapped by the Fascist "promises" and demagogy of Coughlin, Lemke and Smith in the "Union Party."

Back of this sinister set-up now thumping for Lemke's candidacy are the most reactionary, Fascist-minded elements of Wall Street, who are driving toward further oppression of the working people, toward the crushing of all resistance to low wages and high profits, toward setting up a Fascist dictatorship in this country.

Road to Fascism  
 But the Wall Streeters are only using the Union Party, at this time, as a "come-on" to take votes away from Roosevelt so that Landon can be elected. And they want Landon to get elected in order to further their Fascist program, to pave the way for the final cracking down on the labor movement and the people in general with an iron-clad Fascist dictatorship.

The dangers that threaten democracy and the living standards of the American people cannot be over-estimated.

Fascism took a long step in the direction of building itself a mass movement at the Coughlin convention in Cleveland last summer. The original 16-point principles of the organization also containing 16 points.

And though guardedly phrased, these new 16 points are Fascist in content beyond mistake.

Just Like Hitler  
 These new 16 points are almost identical with the "32 points" that were in the Hitler brand of demagogy before the tragedy of Fascism befell the German people. They "promise" a lot but mean nothing, just as Hitler's "promises" in his 32 points have meant zero for the German people.

One of Coughlin's most demagogic campaigns revolves around the question of money and banking. He, who profited by speculating in silver, claims to be the chief enemy of the money changers, and wants them "driven from the temple."

How are the "money changers" to be "driven?" In Point 2 of the Coughlin-Lemke Union Party platform, we read:

A Real Fraud!  
 "Congress and Congress alone shall coin, issue and regulate all the money and credit in the United States through a central bank of issue."

What a fraud! The big bankers themselves favor a more centralized banking system, and would undoubtedly favor a central bank of issue if they could be assured of control.

If Coughlin wants to drive the money-changers out, why doesn't he advocate nationalization of the banks, as advocated in the Communist Party platform? It would take much more than the mere establishment of a central bank of issue to enable Congress to regulate all the money and credit in the United States.

The Old Double-Cross  
 Why does Coughlin adopt this demagogic stand? Simply because millions of working people are ready to fight the money-changers who dominate and choke American society, are ready to follow a program of struggle against them. Coughlin comes along with a big blast against the big bankers which attracts these working people, but Coughlin's Wall Street bosses don't care because they know that the priest's program won't harm them in the slightest. Wall Street finances Coughlin to attack them, just as German financiers paid Hitler, so that the people can be double-crossed from a real attack on the financiers and industrialists.

What Coughlin stands for is inflation, which would ruin the workers, the farmers and the middle class people and further enrich the money changers through speculation.

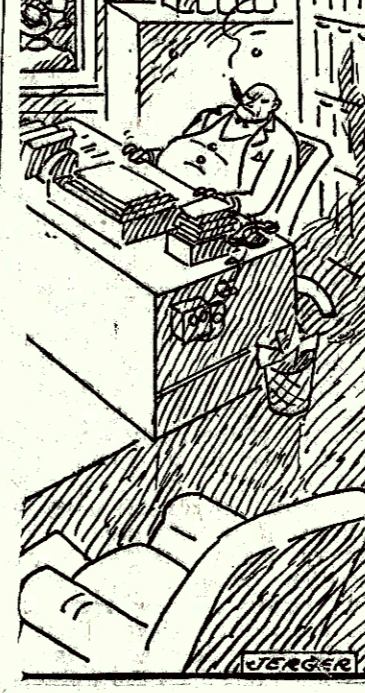
Actually, with this plank, Coughlin has deliberately betrayed and violated the original by-laws of the National Union for Social Justice, which declare for the nationalization of all public necessities: "By these are meant banking, credit and currency, power, light, oil, natural gas and all natural resources."

Silent On Issues  
 On all fundamental issues of the 1936 campaign, Coughlin is silent, as we shall see. By concentrating on a few demagogic planks, which directly attack the New Deal, the Fascist priest hopes to evade these issues where, at the present time, to take a stand would reveal his Fascist intentions of betrayal.

On the question of relief and social security, Lemke and Coughlin have absolutely nothing to say except vague "promises" about some kind of "assurance" to the aged and young. Typically Fascist are these "promises," which are never made in detail.

On the question of jobs and wages, the Union Party again continues its "promises." "A living annual wage" is to be given to "laborers capable of working and willing to work," thus leaving room for any action including wage cuts and forced labor. Concentration camps a la Hitler would fall in this category. No mention is made of higher wages or a shorter work week.

What A Contrast!  
 Contrast this with the Communist Platform on this point: "Open the closed factories—we need all that our industries



can produce. If the private employers will not or cannot do so, then the government must open and operate the factories, mills and mines for the benefit of the people."

If Coughlin and Lemke mean that the government shall assume responsibility for such a living wage, why don't they say so in so many words? And what shall constitute a "living wage?"

No Pal To Labor

In his journal, "Social Justice," Coughlin likes to pose as a "friend of labor" and plays around with "friendship" for the trade unions and even for industrial unions. Many a worker may be taken in by this, unless he looks in the Union Party platform and finds not one word about the rights of labor.

Even Landon's platform mumbles what is in effect endorsement of company unions; only Coughlin's platform takes no position. This means that Coughlin is not simply reactionary; he is a Fascist, like Hitler and Mussolini, an enemy of the unions.

For the farmers, the Union Party again gives vague assurance of production at a profit, but with no specific recommendations. Inflation, which would ruin the farmers, is posed as a solution.

So Says Hearst  
 On the question of the budget and taxes, the Union Party demands that private property shall be protected from confiscation through unnecessary taxation—words of Hearst, argument of the Liberty League.

On the vital question of civil liberties, which are daily more endangered, the Union Party in true Fascist style maintains an ominous silence.

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# AS WE SEE IT

By BILL SCHNEIDERMAN,  
 California State Secretary, Communist Party, U. S. A.

## DEMOCRACY AND SOCIALISM

THE SOCIALIST PARTY leadership is shouting from the rooftops that the issue of the 1936 election campaign is Socialism or Capitalism. In rejecting this analysis, the Communist Party does not thereby give up the struggle for Socialism. But we Communists recognize that the majority of the American working class does not yet see the need to fight.

The issue of Socialism is not the one that will rally the working class and its allies in this election campaign. On the contrary, the labor and progressive forces would be divided on this issue, as only the most advanced sections are ready to choose Socialism over capitalism; they are united on only one thing, the common desire to combat reaction and check the danger of Fascism.

The Republican Party and the American Liberty League realize this fact. That is why they are also trying to make it appear that the issue of this campaign is the "Socialistic, Communistic" policies of the Roosevelt administration.

They hope to split the progressive forces, frighten the middle classes by the cry of Communism, and secure the election of Landon. In order to lure the wavering, the Republican Party puts on a "liberal" disguise in the person of the amiable but sinister stooge, Landon, the creature of Hearst.

When the Socialist Party declares, therefore, that the issue of 1936 is Socialism, they are not only following an unrealistic and sectarian policy, but they are, whether they like it or not, playing into the hands of the Republican Party and its election strategy.

Thomas' Blunder  
 Further, when Norman Thomas declares that there is no danger of Fascism in Landon or the Liberty League, as he has many times, he is committing a grave and serious blunder which can only weaken the anti-Fascist front, and lull the masses to sleep.

The election of Landon would not necessarily mean the establishment of a Fascist dictatorship on Inaugural Day, but it would tremendously accelerate the advance of the reactionary pro-Fascist forces in America, it would let loose an open-shop offensive against the trade unions by the employers everywhere, it would encourage and give an impetus to world Fascism.

For the masses, the issue must be made clear as between democracy and Fascism. When we Communists take our stand on the side of democracy, this does not mean that we have given up our struggle against capitalism and for Socialism, the only ultimate solution for the working class.

But the fight for Socialism can best be advanced today by rallying the masses to defend their democratic rights and avoid going through the horror and catastrophe of Fascism. In the struggle for the maintenance of democracy, the working class will learn by experience, will gain confidence in its own strength, will cement its unity and learn to lead all toilers on the path to Socialism.

It will learn that although through struggle certain immediate demands can be won today, and some of the cruelest aspects of capitalism curbed to a limited

extent, the only final solution of the world crisis and the elimination of the contradictions of capitalist society can only be achieved by a socialist order of society, which alone can guarantee jobs, peace, security, and prosperity for all. That is what Earl Browder meant by the slogan: "Through Democracy to Socialism."

Communist Attitude to Roosevelt

We Communists have because of this correct analysis been accused of becoming "opportunists." Not only Hearst, but some Socialists have accused us of supporting Roosevelt, because we have directed our main fire against those forces from which the main danger of Fascism comes, the Hearst-Liberty-League-Republican combination. This charge reflects a fundamental distortion of our policy.

It is "only" the difference between making a united front with the Roosevelt followers among the masses who want to fight reaction, and supporting Roosevelt and his policies.

The Socialist Party rejects such a united front with Roosevelt supporters. We do not. The Socialist Party is therefore sinking into a sectarian isolation, while the Communist Party is becoming an influential political factor among the labor and progressive forces, and is accelerating the movement for independent political action out of which will be born a Farmer-Labor Party.

Roosevelt stands for capitalism. But, as between democracy and reaction, he strives to follow a middle course. Under pressure of the reactionaries, he will grant concessions to them, but he only fights them in words; he has done nothing yet for instance, to challenge the tatorial power of the Supreme Court to nullify social and labor legislation.

Under pressure from the left, Roosevelt will grant some concessions to the masses, in order to hold their support, but these progressive measures are rapidly nullified by new and more aggressive pressure from the camp of Wall Street.

Thus, Roosevelt gives more concessions to Big Business than to the masses. An example is a recent report from Washington that in answer to the Republican howl about "balancing the budget," the President is planning to balance the budget for 1937-1938 by cutting the unemployment relief appropriations by one-third.

Growing Farmer-Labor Movement

It should be clear, therefore, that Roosevelt is no barrier to reaction, and is no guarantee against the victory of Fascism. But the danger is that many who are disappointed and disillusioned in the New Deal's failures to solve unemployment and other problems will return to the Republican party, because in the absence of a Farmer-Labor party, there is no other outlet under the two-party system. Our fight must be to prevent the masses from going to Landon under the spell of Republican demagogy, even if the majority of them are not yet prepared to support a candidate to the left of Roosevelt.

Nevertheless, the growing movement for a Farmer-Labor party, and a large Communist vote which would reflect such a Farmer-Labor party sentiment, would not only help to defeat Landon, but would be the best guarantee against reaction, would exert mass pressure from the left on Roosevelt to stop his retreat and force more concessions for the working people, and would accelerate the building of an American People's Front, a Farmer-Labor party. Such a large Communist vote would come from former Republican voters as well as Democratic voters, and from many who would vote for neither.

The Socialists would do well, instead of indulging in ultra-revolutionary phrases and criticizing the Communist Party policy from the left, to heed the urgent need for a united front against the Fascist danger in America, and held that united front in California side by side with Communists, trade-unionists, Epics, and other progressive groups. In the same way that Socialists and Communists are united in the People's Front in France and Spain to combat Fascism, let us build such a united front in a Farmer-Labor Party.

(signed) STEVENS GAUGH.

## LETTER TO THE SOCIALIST PARTY EXPOSING ROLE OF TROTSKYITES

(FROM STEVENS GAUGH)

(Continued from last issue)

This will indeed be conducted by unbecoming members in the Socialist Party of Los Angeles. It is so very unbecoming to them they want to oust me.

They want to oust me for expressing my personal opinions in public and in the press, yet, they themselves can stand up here and in public take a stand against the decisions of the national convention and the national executive committee. They stood on the floor of the Workers' Alliance state unity convention held in Los Angeles and led an attack on our policy of the Farmer-Labor Party. They told me I could not be a field organizer for the Workers' Alliance because I supported this policy of the party and the Workers' Alliance. That is not all.

James Cannon can come here and in the name of the Socialist Party give a series of lectures which he himself stood on the floor and before the masses stated in answer to the questions "Do you express the policies of the Socialist Party?" and his answer was, "No, I do not express the policies of the party."

What right has he to stand up here and in the name of our party express his Trotskyist principles?

and Fascism conducting a meeting for Spain, and in that meeting started a row by expressing his Trotskyite principles which was entirely out of order and off the subject, and not the policy of the Socialist Party.

These Trotskyites dare to file charges against me for conduct unbecoming a party member after they themselves appeared in public expressing their Trotskyite principles instead of the principles of the Socialist Party. Is that conduct unbecoming Party members?

I'm against "Trotskyites in the Socialist Party" and I'll take that stand as my personal opinion in the press and in public. Do I have the same right to so express myself the same as they do without becoming an unbecoming member of the Socialist Party? If they have a right to do it, so have I—and I'm doing it. The national office admitted them into our party, but the Trotskyites in joining our party say: "We will not give up our principles."

Do people joining our party forsake their principles and adopt the principles of the Socialist Party? Or do they not? If they can talk and still be members in good standing, I reserve the same right to express myself in public and in whatever press will print my articles.

All for a Workers' World, (signed) STEVENS GAUGH.



# Noted Jurist Lauds Court In Trial Of Trotskyites For Anti-Soviet Plotters

(The following analysis of the trial of the 16 Trotsky-Zinoviev plotters, by a famous British lawyer and legal authority, completely damns those who profess to see a "frame-up" of these counter-revolutionary allies of the Nazis. The reactionary Socialist New Leader has published weekly editorials and special articles completely exonerating the 16 plotters of all responsibility in the murder of Sergei Kirov or their own confessed murder plots against Stalin, Voroshilov and other Soviet leaders. Pritt's eye-witness reactions to the trial also answer Norman Thomas's latest attack against the Soviet courts on the ground that the conviction of the 16 "divides" the working class.)

By D. N. Pritt  
(Reprinted from The London News Chronicle.)

What are my impressions of the conduct of the Zinoviev trial?

I have spent 25 years in conducting cases, and watching cases being conducted in England; civil and criminal, political and non-political, first-instance and appeal, large and small, and I suppose I may fairly claim to know my job.

I have studied and observed the law and procedure, more or less superficially, of many other systems British India, Dominions, and Colonies, U. S. A., Germany and Denmark. Of the U. S. S. R. system I made a fairly thorough study four years ago, and wrote on it in "Twelve Studies in Soviet Russia."

On reaching Moscow again this August, I compared notes with my friends there, and found certain developments toward a greater independence of the bar and the judges.

With that mental equipment I went with great interest to the hearing of the case against the Trotsky-Zinoviev group of conspirators.

Truly Remarkable

What was I going to experience? The care, patience and simple courtesy I had seen bestowed in ordinary criminal cases in the Soviet Union, on accused person, young or old, who might easily be rehabilitated as useful workers and citizens? The icy but formally courteous, hostility that the judicial bench reserves on only too many countries for the political accused?

What I did observe was truly remarkable. At every stage of the trial, the judicial atmosphere was completely maintained.

The excitement and tension that are inevitably present when defendants in an important case are pleading not guilty and putting up a big fight were, of course, absent.

Fair Trial

And throughout the hearing when the result was foregone conclusion, and nothing that was or could be said could do much to lessen the guilt or the complete social worthlessness of the accused, they received the same courteous treatment, the same liberty to intervene at almost any moment and say anything they wanted at any length, as

would any ordinary accused in any ordinary trial in the Soviet Union (and that is saying a very great deal).

The judge said very little; less than a judge would say in England in such a case and far less than they would say in continental countries, where the judges generally take a prominent part in any prosecution; and what they said they said courteously.

The prosecutor said, of course a great deal. He probably said a good deal less, in all, than the two most talkative of the uprisers; and he never raised his voice.

"Best Traditions" He spoke courteously, firmly; he very seldom interrupted a prisoner; he said hard things, for there were hard things that had to be said; but he never acted in any way that would have been thought to infringe the best traditions of the advocate in any Western country.

The guards of course had little to do; but in such unimportant matters as seeing that the prisoners always had water to drink, and asking them to stand not to near and not too far from the microphone (a necessity owing to bad acoustics) they displayed perfect courtesy.

The public was remarkable in its behavior. It varied in constitution from day to day; available seats were hopelessly insufficient for the demand, and many people were allowed to attend only for a day or part of a day. Naturally enough, the tendency was for the bulk of the seats to go to workers who were politically active or had particularly good industrial records; and the general public attending were obviously very interested in the case. The idle curiosity was just not there.

And it is important to remember that the uniform, unbroken rule of Soviet procedure, which gives the prisoner the last word under all circumstances, left the accused here the right, which they exercised, to make, each one of them separately, a final speech, in which any answer that could be made to the prosecutor's speech could be fully developed.

And these speeches, too, were listened to without interruption. Yes, I was indeed impressed.

The great new land, that could beat back half a world in armed intervention, that could repel famine and epidemic, that could build Dnieprostroi and the White Sea Canal, had shown me that it can build and maintain, in the profession I understood, a fine system and a fine tradition.

## Dimitroff's Heroic Triumph Over The Nazis Related

Worth reprinting is the following excerpt from the series of articles on Nazi Germany by Joe Williams, sports writer who covered the Olympic Games in Berlin:

"Most adult Germans smile knowingly when the Reichstag fire is mentioned. The Communists may have been responsible for many things around here," said the judge (an old Berlin friend of Williams'), "but they never fired the Reichstag. Even Dr. Werner never had any real confidence in their guilt." (Werner was the Reich prosecutor.)

Nazis On Trial "Our case is so weak," continued the judge, "that before the trial was half over it began to look as if the Nazis rather than the Communists would have to prove their innocence."

"The Russian Dimitroff wrecked our case single-handed," the judge went on. "He routed some of our witnesses in confusion. The court couldn't stop him from talking. He must have been thrown out a dozen times. He was magnificently unafraid. He even challenged Goering."

"There was a knock at the door. The waiter came for the dishes. The judge kept on talking. "So you say this is the finest stadium you ever saw? Well, I am happy to hear that. We have worked hard to make this a splendid show and we are hopeful you visitors will be pleased."

Feared Gestapo "The judge continued talking in this strain until the waiter had left. I asked him what the big idea was. He shrugged his shoulders expressively.

"How do I know who that waiter is? He may be a Brown Shirt. He may even be a member of the Gestapo (the secret police of the Third Reich). It is unwise to take foolish chances. To mention Dimitroff and Goering in the same breath, that might easily land me in a concentration camp."

## Mussolini Ready To Move In On Spain For Conquest

ROME.—The special representative of the "Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung" (German Nazi newspaper) reports:

"Italy will positively not permit any change in the situation on the western side of the Mediterranean sea, which would take place if France and Spain would unite under the banner of a Popular Front. Should events continue to develop in that direction, the Spanish question will become an all-European problem."

In other words, Mussolini wants an excuse to move his armies in on Spain, Spanish Morocco and the Balearic Islands.

## Growers Are Happy; See Profits In Spain Civil War

LOS ANGELES.—The laboring orange growers of the orange belt here were happy today, for they learned that they may be successful in appropriating the French citrus market from war-torn Spain. This was indicated when Roger Capgras, French importer of oranges, told growers that France's imports from Spain had been abruptly stopped.

"I am going to Washington where I hope to lay the groundwork for an arrangement where France will import 1,000,000 cases of California oranges this winter," Capgras said.

## NOT SPORTS BUT WAR "GAMES" FOR ITALY KIDS



MUSSOLINI'S war plans include even these youngsters, whom he expects to grow up to be meekly willing gun-fodder. But the anti-Fascist movement is growing stronger in Italy, and plans to save these kids from the murderous "Duce."

## Why Neutrality Sanctions Against The Legal Government Of Spain?

Why the blockade against the legal government of Spain, which is fighting against Fascism?

Chiefly this question is directed by those who do not understand the acute international situation and the grave danger of a new world war, at the Soviet Union, which is participating in the agreements of non-intervention in the Spanish civil war.

Litvinov Speaks Maxim Litvinov, Soviet Commissar of Foreign Affairs, stated last week at the League of Nations that the U.S.S.R. adhered reluctantly to agreements of non-intervention and believed that neutrality should not be applied to any war carried on against a lawful government, such as Spain.

The Soviet Union, acting alone, can not break the blockade against Spain. To do so, would solidify all the big imperialist nations, including Italy, Germany, Great Britain, the U. S., Poland, Japan, and other nations, against the Soviet Union. To do so, would precipitate a war on a world scale, with all the forces of reaction in a united front to smash the Soviet Union.

However, if France, the initiator of neutrality, would abandon its position, if the Blum government would repudiate neutrality, it would be a different story.

Collective Action Is Key If the neutrality pacts are abandoned by a group of nations, among whom is the Soviet Union, the Fascist and reactionary nations will have no excuse to forge a united attack against the U.S.S.R. In other words, collective assurance of peace are necessary to balk the Fascist war instigators.

The initiative belongs to France, the initiator of neutrality. The Communist Party of France, the trade union movement of 5,000,000 members, and other groups are demanding that the Blum government lift the blockade against the Spanish government in concert with other nations, including Great Britain. If the Blum government does this, as it must for the security of France, the Fascist plotters against world peace and against the Soviet Union will be stopped in their tracks.

## Japan Sets Up New Puppet Party For Its Puppet State

TOKYO.—Trying to back up their puppet state, the Japanese imperialists are now setting up a puppet political party in Manchukuo, to be known as the Kyokai, or "Harmony Association."

This was revealed in a manifesto issued by General Kenkichi Ueda, Japanese ambassador, at Heinking, marking the fifth anniversary of the invasion of Manchuria. The manifesto declares "democracy is impossible in Manchukuo, where the people belong to different races and are at a low cultural level."

## ETHIOPIA STILL UNCONQUERED BY FASCISTS

LONDON.—Reuter's news agency reports that the Ethiopian chieftain, Imru, has organized an army of 60,000, of which 40,000 are already attacking and harassing the Italian Fascist army near Addis Ababa.

In the last conflict the Ethiopians captured a large quantity of artillery, machine guns, munitions and equipment.

Havas news agency reports that the Italian army repulsed an attack by 2000 Ethiopians at Medjo, southeast of Addis Ababa, and that a trainload of 500 wounded Fascist soldiers recently arrived in Djibouti.

Apparently Mussolini's claims of an "empire" in Ethiopia have yet to be established to the satisfaction of the Ethiopian people, who are organizing more stubborn resistance against the Fascist marauders every month.

## LITVINOV FLAYS WAR PLOTTERS

GENEVA.—Nazism and Fascism were branded as "the deadly enemies of all working people and of civilization," by Maxim Litvinov, Soviet Commissar of Foreign Affairs, before the League of Nations here last Monday.

Litvinov opposed entry into the league of any nation founded on the idea of "racial and national inequality which describes all people except its own as sub-human."

Collective Peace However, he said, the Soviet Union is ready to make agreements for peace with the most aggressive countries, and recommends seeking universal agreements by calling a peace conference or a commission to discuss political, economic and disarmament problems.

"If any state refuses to participate," said Litvinov, "everyone will see our road and theirs do not run together. We must organize for peace without them."

Referring to Hitler's recent speech at Nurnberg, Litvinov said a state governed by men whose foreign policy is that of conquest, who "publicly enumerate vast territories which they intend violently to separate from other countries," cannot sincerely accept the league covenant.

## POPULAR FRONT BEING FORMED IN JAPAN

TOKYO.—The Japanese capitalist press is very much concerned over a new organization called the "Rono-Mussan, Kioghikai" (Workers-Peasant-Proletarian Association).

In its first public statement, the organization addressed itself to all workers and peasants groups, inviting them to "form in Japan the broadest Popular Anti-Fascist Front."

The organization points to the fact that all past achievements of the proletarian parties in the Parliamentary and municipal elections were gained under the slogan: "Down with Fascism!"

This proves that "the masses are conscious of the necessity of struggle against Fascism," said the statement, which calls for the formation of a "militant Popular Front against Fascism in order to prevent war."

## School Girl Gives Dollar For Spain

"Dear Comrade: Enclosed is another dollar for the workers in Spain. My mama saved the dollar on my school dresses. Are the workers' kids going to be able to go to school in Spain? I'm saving my ice-cream and movie money. When I have a dollar I will send it. Thanks for printing my last letter in our paper."

"Norma." This letter, written by a little girl, was received by the Communist Party, along with a dollar for the \$1000 quota set by the Party for Labor's Red Cross for Spain.

Other donations received are as follows: Previously acknowledged, \$755.81; Unit 105, S.F., \$2.50; Comrade from Bookshop, \$2; H. Spina, \$1; Gus Daubeneck, \$7.50; Workers Alliance No. 6, \$1; Tulare, \$7; A Veteran, \$2; W. Fountain, \$1; Unit 108, S.F., \$1.25; San Jose, \$1; Eureka, \$6; Norma, \$1.—Total, \$789.06.

Hurry donations to go over the top on the \$1000 quota, to 121 Haight St., San Francisco.

## LONGSHOREMEN UNDER THE RED FLAG

LONDON.—Praise of the efficiency of Soviet Union longshoremen was made by Montague Meyer, well-known lumber importer, writing in the Manchester Guardian.

"I was very much surprised at the speed with which steamers are loaded at Soviet ports," wrote Meyer. "In fact, most of the steamers gladly pay the special premium—reward for extra speed in loading."

"The newest mechanical improvements, the enthusiasm of the workers, and their general happiness and contentment have created a condition, under which any comparison with our country (England) can only be unfavorable for us."

## Fascists Unpopular With Steelworkers In Great Britain

LEEDS, England.—This steel town is not hospitable to Fascists. The workers stoned Sir Oswald Mosley, Fascist leader, when he attempted to lead a parade of 1000.

Mosley was cut behind the ear, and 50 other would-be Hitlerites were also injured. Mounted police rescued Mosley when the going got too tough for the Fascist "fuhrer."

# Priests And Nuns, Pimps and Gigolos Are The Fascists

### Spanish Fascists Are Guilty of Cruelty, Murder and Destruction Comparable To The Dark Ages Of History

By ILYA EHRENBURG  
(World-famed Soviet Correspondent.)

PARIS.—Last night I listened to a Seville broadcasting station. It is in the hands of the Whites. General Llano was speaking:

"The Madrid Marxists claim that things are going badly with us. Nonsense. I feel excellent. On my table there are a number of bottles of liquor sent by my friends. I, together with my comrades in arms, am drinking them."

Jesuits sprinkling Fascist guns with holy water. Priests calling for a holy war. Generals, who never could beat anybody except defenseless servants, and who were repeatedly beaten by unarmed Arabs. Nuns, hiding German machine guns beneath their spacious black robes. Children of landowners, idlers and pimps, only yesterday acting as gigolos for rich old American women, are today the flower of the Fascist armies. They are in charge and directly responsible for all the bloody executions of defenseless people — women, children and old folks.

General Mola had issued an order: "Destroy the cattle of the peasants, who are all Marxists; chop down the fruit trees. To demoralize the enemy, shoot at their first aid and dressing stations."

The "Knights of the White Guard" are killing donkeys—the only possession of the semi-pauper peasants. One has to wait for years until olive trees begin to bear fruit. The Fascists are brutally cutting down whole olive groves.

On a bet they shot down Red Cross nurses. When they broke in to a hospital in Vittoria, they dragged all the wounded out into the streets—the military bands were blaring—the wounded were bayoneted to death.

The Loyal Military Barracks near San Sebastian. The Fascist troops are quartered there under command of Captain Fernandez. In 1931, he shot with his own hands a Republican officer, Galano. After the Asturias uprising, he as member of court martial, sentenced dozens of workers to death.

When the workers' militia was nearing the Loyola Barracks, his soldiers refused to continue fighting. He shot six of them. The seventh shot him down like a mad dog.

These are the Fascist "heroes" of Spain.

The Fascist claim they are taking care of historical monuments. Yes, they put machine-guns into the belfries of Gothic cathedrals. They have established arsenals in ancient Moorish castles and palaces. They shoot from mosaic church casements and windows.

Dark Ages Brutality In tiny Fernandez-Nunez, near Cordoba, the Fascists shot 75 farmers. The reporter of the "Intransigent" (Paris) tells how the Fascists shot down a government plane near Zaragoza. The mechanic was wounded. Two observers were unhurt. The Whites shot all three.

In the "Diario de Navarra," the Fascists are joyfully reporting that the White troops include priests, who "march not only with crosses but with guns as well."

The same paper reports the "heroism" of a priest, who brought the Fascists into his village and pointed out to them 19 sympathizers of the Popular Front. The report concludes: "Of course, the Marxian Atheists were killed on the spot."

But here is a battalion of men in blue blouses, marching over the rocks of the Sierra. They cry: "Spain will never be Fascist." I know these men. They will be victorious.

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## NOT WAR—JUST MURDEROUS AGGRESSION

TOKYO.—"There's no such word as 'war' in the Japanese diplomatic vocabulary," smiled Foreign Minister Hachiro Arita here, when asked if it meant war, should present negotiations break down with the Chinese Nanking government.

"But the navy and army," continued Arita, "who are the guardians of 100,000 and more Japanese in China, are ready to carry out whatever measures are necessary to suppress the anti-Japanese campaign."

Arita criticized China officially for "making unappreciable progress" in settling Japanese demands for protection of Japanese nationals, who are engaged in plundering China.

"China is now at the momentous crossroads and must decide, whether or not she will shake hands with Japan," threatened Arita.

"The opinion is steadily growing among Japanese at home and abroad that further negotiations are useless. Should the negotiations terminate, the lives and property of a large Japanese population in China must not be left exposed to further damage."

SHANGHAI.—Threatening the Japanese army will land troops in the Yangtze Valley and elsewhere on Chinese soil, Japanese Military Attache Major General Seichi Kita declared that "the situation is now virtually at the point of action."

Preparations for imperialist Japan's new drive against the Chinese people are being rushed forward. While new naval squadrons are on the way from Tokyo, the army only awaits a new "anti-Japanese outrage" to be faked up.

"If negotiations now going on are interrupted by a fresh outrage," said Kita, "the time for action will have come."

## NEW ENGINE OF DEATH USED IN BRITAIN

LONDON.—In Britain's program of rearmament, new engines of death and destruction are being developed. Latest is a new anti-aircraft gun, against whose fire it is believed no plane could survive.

The deadly weapon, now being secretly manufactured in state arsenals, can fire 1000 high explosive shells a minute, four miles up into the air. Four kinds of shells, high explosive, incendiary, tracer and shrapnel, can be fired from the eight barrels of this gun.

The gun has already been fitted to several British cruisers.

## Nazis Desperately Try To Halt Anti-Fascist Movement

PRAGUE.—The Czech Social Democratic paper "Pravo Lidu" reports that the German Fascist court at a secret session, sentenced six workers of Arckner, Berlin suburb, to death for distributing anti-Fascist leaflets.

Their wives were sentenced to nine years each in a concentration camp, on the charge of "harboring" their husbands.

Trial is also on for 286 persons charged with "conspiracy to overthrow the Fascist regime" in Germany. The first group of 12 defendants were quickly sentenced to terms of two to three and one-half years in prison.

## Rykoff Removed As Commissar

MOSCOW.—Alexander Rykoff, mentioned in the trial of the 16 Trotsky-Zinoviev plotters and later reported exonerated, was removed from his post as Commissar of Communications. In his place will be Henry G. Yagoda, until today Commissar of Internal Affairs. He was replaced by Nikolai Ivanovich Yeshoff.

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# GETS CANCER FROM RELIEF MALNUTRITION

## "Scientific" Budget Ignores Demand Of Assembly

By a Worker Correspondent.

LONG BEACH—Six dollars and eighty cents a month, or twenty-two and seven-tenths cents a day. That is what the corporate interests and the well-to-do beefeaters grudgingly dish out through their State Relief Administration to a worker who has spent his life producing their wealth.

Last January so-called scientists worked out a formula of calories according to which a body theoretically can sustain life. And this is what it amounted to: twenty-two and seven-tenths cents per day.

Clark Taylor, of 3760 Orange Avenue, Long Beach, member of Local 18 of the Workers' Alliance, has tried to sustain his body on this "scientific" minimum for a long time. A sore on his face forced him to seek medical aid. The S. R. A. sent him to M. Marks, M. D., 721 Kress Building, Long Beach, California. Doctor Marks told Mr. Taylor that, due to malnutrition, this sore had now developed into cancer.

### Ignores State Assembly

At a special session of the State Assembly, called by Governor Merriam, Assemblyman John G. Clark of the seventieth district, introduced a resolution sponsored by the California State Federation of Unemployed Organizations which was unanimously adopted by the Assembly. This resolution called upon the S.R.A. to restore the former "unscientific" Relief Budget No. 4, which would mean an increase of approximately thirty-three per cent over the present "scientific" misery doled out to the unemployed.

Merriam and his state relief officials, recruited from Army Officers, American Legionnaires, political wardheelers, and other flunkies of the Chamber of Commerce, have deliberately ignored the decision of the State Assembly, and the demands of the unemployed, residents, voters, and taxpayers of this state.

The Governor has also ignored another resolution passed by the Assembly, whereby he was to place two delegates from the State Federation of Unemployed on the State Relief Commission, which would have curtailed this political plunder and graft.

Instead he raised the already extremely high salaries in the upper brackets of the state relief officials. This money is stolen from the starving masses of unemployed, for whose relief it had been appropriated by the State Assembly.

### Mass Campaign Needed

This outrage must be answered immediately in the only language this corporate governor and his bureaucratic relief officials seem to understand: with a mass campaign to force increased relief budgets, to force the execution of the decisions of the Assembly.

The bankers, industrialists, and big business men, have been telling us—and even today still tell our children in their schools—that this is the richest, freest, most enlightened, and best country in the world. God's own country. Let them prove it to the world. Force them to give a decent relief, to pay a living wage according to their widely advertised American Standard of Living.

# The Sanitary Conditions of the Cannery's Camp At Bristol Bay Were Not Very Sanitary

By An Alaska Cannery

(The continued story of the Alaska Cannery expedition. The workers have disembarked at Bristol Bay, Alaska.)

The grass was almost knee high. Piles of refuse were dumped all over the place, resembling a miniature dumping ground. I looked around and sized up the surroundings more minutely. Beyond the cannery, on a small rise, one could see a small company cemetery. Seven or eight crosses marked the graves of as many workers who had sacrificed their lives on the altar of Profit.

One could imagine this desolate wind and cold forbidden country blanketed in snow, and you felt as though those men from a summer climate could not possibly be comfortable there. When one thought and wondered about these men who, although strangers, were our fellow workers, your heart went out to them.

It seemed as though you knew them. It must be the common bond that existed among all workers who are conscious of their relation to their fellow workers that started me in that train of thought.

### Not In Good Order

Moving on so as to keep my mind to the present and future, I inquired if there were any shower baths. A small shack was pointed out to me. I stuck my head in one side and retreated in a hurry. That half partitioned of course, was the shower. The heating apparatus was outside of the shack. A one-inch pipe led into an oil drum. One had to build his own fire if he wanted a bath. This pipe led from the oil drum to another oil drum on a level with the top of the shack. I found that the water had not been turned on yet. That accounted for the strong smell from the toilet.

I walked into the mess hall, finding three long tables that ran the length of the room. The places were numbered right on the table. I thought that there in Alaska you have to use a blue print to eat. Food stains and dirt seemed to be everywhere—on the tables, chairs, benches, even on the warped floor. You could feel a cold draft sneak upon you from the floor.

### Slippery Grease

Looking into the kitchens, you saw two peculiar looking stoves, on the steam cooker order. A fire was started under each. One was for coffee and the other was to heat water for the dishwasher. This kitchen was so greasy that if you slipped and fell you would slide clean out into the dining room.

Another room opened up from one kitchen into another. Here was where all of the culinary atrocities were concocted. In the evenings it was used by the bakers. For one thing, this kitchen was a lot cleaner and better appointed than the larger one.

### Hardly Sanitary

Alongside of the mess hall, at each camp, there was an open shack with a large square tank. A water tap empties into this and a fire hole built under. In this way water was to be heated to wash your face and hands. All you did was dip in and take what you wanted. The water was never changed when it was turned on two days later. More was constantly poured in as it was taken out.

This is the year of our Lord 1936. It seemed as though one had accidentally stumbled into the past. This after the companies had all agreed to sanitary living conditions. I walked down to the pier. After much difficulty retrieving my bag and bed roll, I staggered back to the bunkhouse with the load.

(To Be Continued.)

## 5-Year-Old Child Dead From Eating Stale Bread

By a Worker Correspondent

UPLAND.—Five-year-old Alexander Cervantes is dead here because his impoverished family served stale bread that was intended for chicken food.

Death of the child was attributed to the bread after a post-mortem examination under the direction of Coroner R. E. Williams. His parents bought the bread from a local baker, who said he understood it was to be used for chicken feed. Four of the family became ill.

## Actors' Guild Drive Set

LOS ANGELES.—Initiating a drive to make the film industry 100 per cent closed shop, the Screen Actors' Guild prepared to test its strength against the motion picture producers by an early attempt to form a united front with location companies, rather than inside the studios.

### Drive All Set

The Guild's unionization drive has been planned and will be put into action within a few days, but this, it was reported from an authoritative source, does not necessarily mean that a strike is contemplated.

It was indicated that the Guild's plans will be joint action between members of the Actors' Guild and members of other studio unions, recognized by the studios. If a formal demand by the Guild for recognition is refused by the producers, craft unions will be asked to refuse to work with non-union players on picture locations, it was reported.

Returning from the north, where for the past four days he has been in conference with labor leaders, Kenneth Thomson, secretary of the Guild, is in an excellent position to take the initiative in the drive to make the film industry a closed shop. Vice-president of the California Federation of Labor, he has the backing of this body since it went on record recently in favor of such a move.

## New LA Union Signs Up Big Hotel

LOS ANGELES.—Carrying on an intensive organizational drive, the Hotel and Apartment Employees' Union, recently chartered here, have completely unionized the Hotel Californian. It is the first union hotel in Los Angeles.

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AFTER 22 deaths on the Bay bridges, the demands of the workers for safety precautions finally forced the installation of this net on the Golden Gate Bridge, where the steel work is now being put up. The contractors have already demonstrated they have no humanitarian motives, but they will probably save in damage costs.

## Agricultural Solidarity

STOCKTON.—There'll be no scabbing on the Salinas lettuce strike from this area, if Agricultural Workers Union Local 20221 has anything to say about it.

The local sent out the following call in support of its brothers in Salinas:

All W.P.A., S.R.A., Unemployed, employed, organized and unorganized workers, who are being forced to take jobs in the agricultural fields and canneries. The Agricultural Workers Union, Local No. 20221 of Stockton, is calling on you to join with organized labor. Refuse to take jobs of any kind without the Union wage scale.

### Union Wage Scale

The Union wage scale, set by the Agricultural Union, is as follows: \$3.00 for the 8 hour day. Time and one-half for all over time. Double time for all Sunday work. Free transportation to and from all jobs. Do away with the speed-up system. Wipe out the Contract game. Don't pay the Stockton employment sharks for jobs. Why deal with the free employment office?

Join the Agricultural Workers Union, let us run our Union

Hiring Hall. The working people when united together in the American Federation of Labor, can manage our own affairs. We don't have to deal with the so-called friends of labor, who are nothing more than plain labor exploiters.

Working men and women, one and all join with organized labor, demand the union wage, the 8 hour day. Free transportation to and from all jobs. Organized we shall win. Un-organized we remain as common slaves.

Support the striking workers of Salinas. Help them win, by keeping out of the strike district. The big packing house and land owners of Salinas are planning to break this strike as they do others, by forcing the W.P.A. and S.R.A. workers to take these jobs, or they kick them off the relief rolls. Workers don't be scabs or strikebreakers for the labor exploiters.

Workers, don't be slackers. Join the Agricultural Workers Union and help win the Union wage scale. All for one and one for all.

Issued by the Agricultural Workers Union Local No. 20-221, affiliated with the American Federation of Labor. Office 42 N. Center St., Stockton, Calif. JOIN THE UNION NOW!

# LOS ANGELES REACTION PREPARING TO ATTACK

## Big Business Agencies Move Toward Open Shop Drive

By a Los Angeles Worker.

USE the following facts as painting materials, your mind as a canvas, your ability to comprehend as your brush, and when you have seen the picture, get ready to act if you value your economic, political and social rights.

1. Almost two hundred labor injunctions have been issued by the California courts.  
2. The wording in each is identical, even to punctuation.  
3. Many of these are at rest just now, awaiting a U. S. Supreme Court decision on the Wagner Labor Disputes Act.

### More Harbor Police

4. The Los Angeles police chief wants to close one or more stations to make available a large number of police for harbor duty.

5. The Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce executive commit-

tee meets regularly every night of the week, getting ready...

6. Every daily paper in Southern California now issues a steady flow of anti-union editorials, with possibly one exception.

7. These editorials by indirection if not openly depict labor as traitorous.

8. In every large industry the unions find employers now antagonistic instead of willing to deal collectively with labor.

9. The Merchants' & Manufacturers' Association has run full page advertisements in all the metropolitan dailies stating they would aid any employer in his fight to create an open shop.

10. At Los Angeles downtown restaurants and clubs, the lunch hour topic of greatest interest is "The War Against Organized Labor."

11. Eastern capital has been

lured to Southern California because big business here has guaranteed the "open shop" and low wages.

12. Labor organization membership is increasing. Labor demands some of the "plenty" now available.

Conflict is inevitable. What one side wins, the other loses. Capital, through its Merchants' & Manufacturers' and Industrial Associations, backed by the largest war chest ever collected on the Pacific Coast, now is taking the offensive. Lockouts are in order as fast as they can be engineered.

If your colors are intelligently applied to your canvas you will see the necessity of enlarged union membership united for action with all liberal and progressive forces. The fight is brought to you whether you are organized or not.

## Wash. Jobless Hit Merriam On Salinas

SEATTLE.—The terror against the Salinas workers was felt away up here, and by that section of labor upon which the growers wish to depend for scabs—the unemployed.

Local 1 of the Workers' Alliance let Gov. Merriam of California know how they felt about the gassing of Salinas strikers, in these words:

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### Back In The Highways

If you wish to disprove these statements held against you by all decent people here in the Pacific Northwest, then we urge you to put the State of California police back on the highways where they belong at all times.

We also ask that you force that small county Sheriff (Mr. Abbott) to immediately discharge all of the many hoodlums and other vigilantes which he assembled from the many brothels in Salinas, and, that you force the law in every respect, even to the point that workers shall be given some of rights that your class, invariably, give to the employers.

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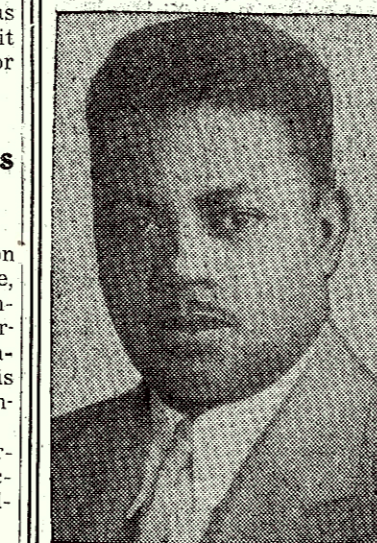
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# Seeing RED

By Michael Quin

TODAY IN SPAIN, the people are shedding their blood in a struggle to preserve their right to vote. In their last elections, they voted a liberal government into office. The wealthy class of people who lost the election didn't approve of the people's choice. So they armed all of their supporters, brought in foreign legion and Moroccan troops and are trying to seize the government by force.

The Spanish working people know today that they cannot gain anything out of an election unless they have the organized power in their own ranks to realize and defend those gains.

That is why the Communist Party urges the working people not only to vote for progressive measures, but to organize strong unions and political organizations to back up that vote.

In America today, we have the right to vote. The early American revolutionists shed their blood and sacrificed their lives in order that we might have this right. And it is not impossible that like the Spanish people, may some day have to fight again to preserve it.

You not only have a right to vote, but you have a right to vote Communist or to become a member of the Communist Party.

This is the most essential and important right of American democracy. If it should ever come to pass that Americans were forbidden by law to vote for or become members of the Communist Party, then democracy in America would automatically become null and void. It would mean that the people were no longer free to vote in accordance with their beliefs and convictions, but would be obliged to cast their ballot in favor of the existing set-up, or else refrain from voting.

Such a situation has not come to pass in America. But there are powerful moneyed interests who are devoting all energy toward bringing about such a state of affairs. And even now, although Americans have a perfect right to vote as they please, certain undemocratic and un-Constitutional influences are brought to bear on them which serve as a partial negation of this right.

## Intimidation Must Not Be Allowed to Have Its Effect

THOUSANDS of American citizens ARE AFRAID to register and vote Communist. In a supposedly free and proud country, thousands of citizens have been so belabored with threats and intimidations that they actually do not dare to vote as they honestly believe.

In the first place, they are afraid of losing their jobs. The daily newspapers, completely ignoring the legality of the Communist Party, continually publish frightening reports about "suspected Communists being arrested," and "detectives investigating to find out if Communists exist in certain businesses," and drives being instigated to "wipe out Communism."

Indeed, a good part of the population has been led to believe that Communism is against the law. Another large proportion of the populace has been given to understand that Communists commit, encourage and teach policies of crime and violence.

It is only necessary to point out that if the Communist Party indulged in such practices, no law against it would be needed. There already exist adequate laws against murder, assault, destruction and theft.

But do you ever hear of Communists being convicted of such practices? Never! The newspapers report that men are constantly being arrested "for being Communists." This also is untrue. When Communists are arrested, they are accused of "refusing to move on," or "blocking traffic," or "vagrancy," or "spitting on the sidewalk." There have been numerous Criminal Syndicalism cases, but none of them have shown the Communist Party to have indulged in criminal acts.

Today you have a right to vote Communist. It is of the utmost importance to you to preserve that right. It is the cornerstone on which every other right you possess is based. Unless you make the fullest and most honest use of this right while you have it, you stand a good chance of losing it. And it will be no easier fight to win it back than it was for the early American revolutionists to win it in the first place.

# In Memoriam

Today:  
There is a sound within  
Like the hushed rolling sob of the wind  
Through the tallest pines of the hills  
Early in the purple haze of a summer's dawn.

Today:  
Reverberating in this burning self,  
The sob crescendoed to a roar of glory:  
Your names! YOUR NAMES!  
SACCO . . . VANZETTI,  
Echoes across the little span of years  
and blasts against the ears of  
WE,  
The young and strong who stand ready to receive the  
DAWN

That day:  
When THEY,  
The enemies of every living thing that strives  
Upwards to the sun,  
Took you away;  
You did not go so that WE might be left  
stunned  
Forevermore with tears.

Today:  
You are reborn a thousandfold  
In every one of US,  
The young and strong!  
We carry your dreams up on our banners  
And with fists upflung,  
WE march forward,  
Haunting and challenging,  
Every waking hour,  
The enemy  
Who strived th at day to blow away the  
truth this lightly  
As they blew our your heroic lives.

—MICHAEL MANN.

# ACCENT ON YOUTH

By EVELYN JAMES

## HITLER FIXES EVERYTHING

AND how are things going with the people in Germany?

"Very well. Hitler fixes everything."

Four young sailors from a German ship had come to visit. The family had met the boys on the ship the day before. They hoped to learn some inside dope on the conditions of the people in Germany, Germany's plans for an aggressive war, her assistance to the Spanish Fascists, etc.

We were impressed by the thoroughness with which they had learned to repeat Hitler's demagoguery. Their answers to questions might have been excerpts from der Fuhrer's speeches. And yet, in spite of their seemingly ardent Nazi faith, they showed up the inconsistencies of German Fascism. What they said in defense of Hitler's war plans, his anti-working class actions, his impoverishment of the people, served to condemn him. Fascism, at its best, exposes its Achilles heel!

## Feeble Effort to Conceal Prices

OUR feeble German we asked about living standards. They told us conditions were not bad. We mentioned the food shortage. That's because the land is worn out. Germany has too little land. Prices? Low, they told us; but when we asked about specific items we found them as much as twice as expensive as in America.

And unions? There is one organization, der Arbeitsfront, including workers and employers. What does it do? Well, wages and hours are fixed by government, but if anything else is troubling the worker, he goes to the Arbeitsfront about it. But if the workers want higher wages? Wages cannot be higher, because Germany has too little money.

Surely the companies have money? No. Surely the boss gets more than the workers? Yes. Why, since he does not work as hard? Because his risk is greater. We laughed at that, and the boy, embarrassed, added: Besides, if you are intelligent and work hard, you can become an employer yourself.

Somebody asked about the two-year military training. Do the people like it? Yes. Are they preparing to make war? Ach, nein! Germany must only protect itself. Against whom? France, Russia. You are planning a war on Russia? Ach, nein! Germany will never make war, only protect herself. And why must there be a war? Because Germany has too little land. We want our colonies back. You mean you need more land to colonize your population on? No, raw materials—And markets? Yes. Is Germany afraid of Italy? Germany is afraid of no one. We only prepare. Hitler says Germany wants peace, but she must protect herself.

And what does the rest of the country say? We must have only one voice, not many, confusing. But suppose somebody wants to say something different from der Fuhrer? Well—Then he's sent to a concentration camp? Yes, if he disobeys the laws. If he disobeys Hitler? Yes.—Hitler fixes everything!

Hitler Fixes Everything How?  
THE LAST sentence was spoken in English by the oldest sailor. It was the only English he spoke. There was a peculiar smile in his eyes when he said it. Did he purposely make a remark that could be construed both ways? Was he trying to convey his real opinion without making a statement that could be used against him?

## "Bury the Dead" To End Bay Run

"Bury the Dead," Irwin Shaw's anti-war play, has its final performances Friday and Saturday night, Oct. 2 and 3, at the Oakland City Club Theater, Fourteenth and Alice Sts. From both sides of the Bay men and women flocked last week-end to see the most talked-about left-wing stage play of the year. Large audiences acclaimed the local production which reveals the powerful emotions and penetrating ideas of young Irwin Shaw's "bitter and ironic poem" against war. The Theater Union now announces another curtain-raising. This time it is the Theater Union School, which began Wednesday night, Sept. 30, at the Workshop, 2229 Geary St. Classes in every branch of theater work will be offered, led by competent instructors. Subjects include: acting, voice, movement, publicity, stagecraft, makeup and costume.

# RIPTIDES

By D. L. Saunders

WHAT'S all the excitement about? One of a group of longshoremen came strolling down Market to the Ferry building, led by about six motor-cycle cops.

The car was empty save for the driver. Immediately following was a brass band of about sixty pieces—and behind that more cops on motorcycles. The noise of their sirens sounded like a vigilante's drill.

More dock workers gathered speculatively at the corner. Seamen coming ashore joined in the crowd. Office workers headed for the Ferry building stopped to gaze and wonder what it was all about.

A brief stop in front of the Ferry building and the Cossack herded brass band and limousine started around the loop and up towards Market. This time the car was bulging with big dispiritingly fat and prosperous looking "citizens."

"Hell—it's only Knox. You know the guy that's running for Vice-President on the Republican ticket?" some one piped up in a disgusted tone, as the band started to play "Oh Susanna."

"It's Knox" the crowd murmured and oozed slowly into the path of the oncoming cavalcade. Wreathed in smiles, too disarming to be sincere, the cops nosed their motorcycles into the crowd with pleasant pleas of "Don't push, folks."

Slowly the limousine drew abreast of the crowd—which up to now had maintained an ominous calm.

Knox—it was him all right—hesitated for a split second and then raised his hat. A cat-like smile erupted from his face.

Then the "calm" broke. From both sides of the street catcalls and boos drowned out the tune of "Oh Susanna." The smile on Knox's sleek face melted as quickly as it had come. Someone sitting alongside of him beckoned slyly to one of the cops riding alongside of the limousine.

The Cossack wheeled in closer, leaned one ear over and then spurted ahead. Straight into the crowd he rode. His mates did likewise.

The band began to play with more fervor. Slowly the crowd gave away. But the boogie continued.

The horn of the limousine barked nervously at the heels of the band—increased its speed and then rolled hurriedly up Market Street away from the Embarcadero.

## Lemke Chairman

THIS happened at the Lemke meeting.

Outside of the Auditorium Party leaflets were distributed to each and every individual as they entered. The chairman for the evening also was handed one.

It was a swell leaflet. Exposing clearly the true role of Lemke and Father Coughlan's "Union Labor Party."

Even the chairman realizes what a good leaflet it was. At least it certainly did impress him. So much so in fact he was moved to attempt an attack on it.

As he sat on the rostrum, the more he read it, the more it agitated his peace of mind. Yes sir, he just simply had to "blast" that leaflet.

He stood up, waved for silence and then slowly and deliberately read the cause of his annoyance.

He punctuated each paragraph with an emphatic stop. And then at the conclusion he asked: "And who do you suppose put this leaflet out?"

Silence was the only response. "By the Communists," the chairman roared in a challenging tone.

And then the unexpected—at least to the chairman. From the audience arose a ripple of applause.

The chairman introduced the main speaker of the evening, without answering the leaflet, except to indulge in a general tirade against Communism.

# I.W.O. Mobilizes Fraternal Bodies for Labor

When you speak of fraternal organizations you are likely to remind your hearers of the thousand and one Independent and Exalted Orders of Antelopes of the Forest abounding throughout these United States.

Some people wonder why 20 million people throughout the country belong to these organizations, since the majority of them are workers.

Especially they wonder because the national offices of these organizations are often making ringing statements against the "Reds" and at the same time saying nothing about the right of trade unions to organize. In short, because the national officers of these organizations generally take an anti-labor stand.

Usually you explain, "Well, Americans like to wear fancy lodge emblems and be called Exalted Thingamabob."

## A Bigger Reason

But this doesn't explain it. Not by any means.

Phillip Gardner, national field organizer of the International Workers' Order, happens to be in San Francisco currently. He is here helping with a part of the national drive of his organization to get 50,000 new members by December 21st.

"Twenty million Americans," he says, "have joined fraternal societies not because they can be grand potentates, but because in these organizations they can obtain cheaper and better insurance than in commercial companies."

But most insurance is a racket anyway, you might say. What we need is social insurance.

## Need of Security

"Most commercial insurance, perhaps," says Gardner, "but the thing that drives them into these fraternal is the very absence of social security. A worker must think of his family and himself not only when he is well and working, but also when illness or accident forces the breadwinner off the job."

Then the I.W.O. is just another fraternal organization offering insurance to its members?

Not "just another" organization, says Gardner, for very good reasons.

First, and least important, the I.W.O. offers insurance to its members at rates lower than can be obtained elsewhere.

"More important still," continues Gardner, "the I.W.O. realizes that real security of the workers can never be fully achieved by individual efforts and insurance policies. Thus we find from its earliest beginnings the International Workers' Order has been a part of the growing united front movement for genuine social security as embodied in the Frazier-Lundeen bill. It is not only a part of the movement, but it is bringing other fraternal societies into the ranks on this issue."

## Favorable To Labor

This is a surprise to most. Can it be that even organization having "grand potentates" would go so far as to favor social security or uphold the workers' side of an industrial dispute?

"You'd be surprised," says Gardner. "You forget there are workers in fraternal organizations. Now Dan Tobin may be a reactionary, but the Teamsters in San Francisco support the longshoremen. It's often the same in fraternal societies." And Gardner shows us an article by Phillip Murray, chairman of the Steel Workers' Organizing Committee, written in the "New Order," a magazine published by the I.W.O.

Says Murray: "One of the most encouraging developments of the present successful campaign in the steel industry is the whole-hearted support being given voluntarily by fraternal organizations. The reasons seem apparent: these groups realize, many from bitter personal experience, what is meant by economic freedom."

## I.W.O. Takes Lead

Gardner explains the I.W.O. does not have to wait until its members slowly begin to exert pressure on their organization. It has a positive and declared stand on the side of labor. "Wherever labor is on the move organization is heard, there too is to be found the I.W.O., mobilizing its members to give aid—financial, moral and physical. This is proletarian fraternalism."

"It is this record and policy of the I.W.O.," says Gardner that has enabled it to grow from nothing to 105,000 members in six years.

In the present membership drive of three months we fully expect to reach our goal of another 50,000 members."

## NAB FASCISTS IN FRANCE

ST. JEAN DE LUZ, France.—French Fascists helped Spanish Fascist leaders to maintain headquarters on French territory, it was revealed here last week following a police raid on a villa outside this town.

# People's Health

By Franklin E. Bissell, M. D.

LAST ISSUE, I discussed the effect of conditions under the present social order in causing nervous exhaustion. An unknown comrade has sent me for comment a little pamphlet put out by a national drug house, which agrees fully with such opinions. This drug house, the "Sandoz Chemical Works" of N. Y., is a capitalistic firm above suspicion as far as any conscious attempt to discredit the capitalist system is concerned.

Neurosis is any sort of mind mental disease that is not severe enough to be called insanity. Neuritics are what people generally call "queer" or "fits."

Under the heading, "Factors in Present-Day Neuroses," the pamphlet states, "Economic crises and poor social adjustment are well known as factors in the development of neurotic disorders. Frequently recurring powerful emotions, overwork, doing without necessities, physical and moral sufferings in general, create neurotic conditions in a person, that under more favorable conditions would not be brought out."

"Present-day conditions, because they are world-wide, differ from those observed in earlier periods. All classes of society suffer from neurotic disturbances, and this general feeling of fear tends to worsen the neurotic condition in individual persons. The young and the old seem to be particularly affected. Intellectuals are likely to pay a heavy tribute to neuroses."

Dr. Franklin E. Bissell

Three Main Symptoms Seen in Individuals

THE THREE main symptoms of such neuroses (caused by present social conditions—F.E.B.) are nervous depression, nervous excitability, and a feeling of fear. Such neurotics are usually impulsive, given to exaggeration, always mentally or physically tired, of very changeable natures, either sad or very happy, either impatient or take a "don't-care" attitude, and often suffer sleeplessness.

The pamphlet then goes on to state that such neuroses in turn cause or worsen many other diseases: hyperthyroidism (increased thyroid function), Raynaud's disease (in this the fingers and toes wither and fall away), Addison's disease, asthma, stomach ulcers, and diabetes.

## Miss Neuroses Grow Out Of Bad Conditions

AS THE PAMPHLET states, people are made into neurotics not only by bad conditions which affect them personally, but also by the mass fear which is created by the insecurity, unemployment, and low wages that prevail in this country. Not only neurotics are created by such conditions, but people are also being driven to insanity very rapidly. All statistics show that the insane asylums of the country are fast increasing in size and are very much over-crowded, due to the rapid increase in insanity.

# Women on the March

By MARY GARFIELD

Twenty million lettuce heads stand in row on row. Maybe more and maybe less, this I would not know. Two or three old Cabbage Heads owning all this gold. State Police and poison gas make 'em mighty bold.

GET A PICTURE of acres and acres of lettuce, row after row, in all its green loveliness, and all owned by a few Cabbage Heads. Worm-eaten old Cabbage Heads they must be, rotten to the core, to do what they have done in Salinas during the lettuce strike.

A few women from San Francisco went down to Salinas the other day to get a close-up. They found women of undaunted courage, working 100 per cent right along with their men to establish the Fruit and Vegetable Workers' Union. They take the tear gas along with the children and the men.

They are working with every ounce of their strength to stay in the town where they own their homes and where their children grow up in a normal way like other children. They know they must have preferential hiring or else they'll join the army of California migratory workers.

Did you ever see migratory workers? Down the pike they come in an old Ford car without any top, or in a delapidated truck. They carry a wash board, a battered-up galvanized iron wash tub, the wife and the children, and maybe a dog.

They stay until the crop is harvested, and away they go to the next crop. This is a picture of rural life in America today. These people know plenty about starvation and privation.

Now down in Imperial Valley a man is a vagrant if he refuses a ranch job or is unable to find any kind of a job. When there are no more agricultural workers needed, into jail they go, and out they come on a work gang, and do a few cleaning up jobs. Sometimes they are carried up in a cage into some canyon.

What can we Women on the March do about all this? Plenty.

First, we just don't buy lettuce. We don't recognize any lettuce as being fair until this Salinas strike is settled. We can take a chance on buying it. Small quantities are being shipped out of Salinas, and reshipped from other towns to fool people. Lettuce is so "hot" today that it burns the tongue of any honest worker.

Let us march together on this. It's no lettuce today, thank you. Tomorrow, there will be another issue and all the tomorrow will bring their issues for our United Front until we have a free, happy and prosperous America.

## That Left-Over Meat Will Fit Nicely Into a Pie

ABOUT HERE I've got to ring off because I'm going into the kitchen to make some meat turnovers. When the meat you had has practically vanished from your sight, you make these and fool the boys.

Pie crust or short biscuit dough are both good. You roll one for each person, a little smaller than a bread and butter plate. Roll very thin if you use biscuit dough.

In the center of each disc, you put about one good tablespoonful of chopped cooked meat, well seasoned with onion and tomato ketchup, or a little gravy if you have it. If you have some cold beans or peas or spinach or carrots (chopped fine) or even squash or egg plant, add that to the meat. Fold in half circles. Pinch the edges together and bake in a good hot oven. For five or ten cents you can buy a lot of over-ripe tomatoes if you're smart—and of course you are smart. Stew them down until they are thick, strain them. Season as you like with garlic and bayleaf or rosemary, pepper and salt. You can make these early in the morning, and put them where they will keep cool, and bake them when you come in at night, in twenty minutes. Have your sauce ready, and heat it up. Is it good? You tell me.

# SOVIET WORKERS HAVE IT TOO



America's traditional dish, ice cream, has become naturalized in the Soviet Union under the name of "morozhnoe," but it tastes the same in any language, and is sweeping the country as the living standard rises.

# Corporations Will Diminish Charity Gifts

WASHINGTON — Industrial overlords of the nation gathered here and worked out a formula whereby corporations will be able to reduce their contributions to charity while keeping the pose of giving munificently.

They evolved a formula which, they admitted, will reduce the contributions to private charity of the most liberal donors. A pious hope was expressed that thereby the heretofore stingy corporations would increase their donations.

## Came From Gen'l Motors

The group accepted a proposal put forth by Donaldson Brown, chairman of the finance committee of the General Motors Corp., basing contributions on the amount of taxes paid in the community.

It provides that corporations shall compute the percentage of their taxes in a locality to the total tax bill and then apply that percentage to the total community chest quota to determine the amount of their contributions. The number of employees of the company in the locality is also to be taken into consideration.

No grounds were stated for the belief that heretofore stingy corporations will loosen their purse strings.

Railroad executives took the opportunity to complain that government regulation was preventing them from contributing to community chests. They asserted that by preventing them from charging off contributions to charity as "operating expenses," upon which basis they could raise their rates, the Interstate Commerce Commission was hampering their noble intentions.

A discordant element in the conference was introduced by Rev. Robt. Moore, New York City, who called discussions of charitable contributions as profitable investments "shocking reactionary." He was promptly talked down by Swope, Williams, and duPont, who recited their responsibility to their stockholders.

All present professed themselves profoundly interested in "character building."

Gardner is leading the drive in the Northern California district. But the drive is also going on in Los Angeles, and reports of progress are coming in from many branches and individual members. A series of prizes, including grand prizes of trips to Europe, are being offered.



# Long Beach Oil Workers Call for End of Anti-Picket Law

## RESOLUTION IS FOR FIGHT TO END ORDINANCE

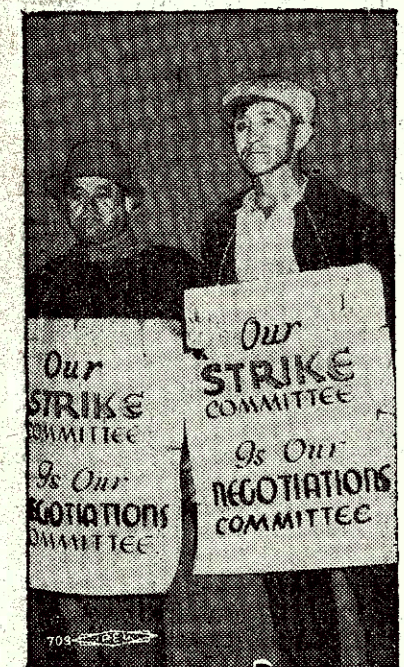
### Labor Bodies Called To Join In The Struggle

LONG BEACH—Anti-picketing laws are getting in the hair of organized labor. Determination to put an end to the vicious ordinances, a menace to the very life of organized labor, is growing.

The resolution adopted unanimously by Oil Workers Local 128 here puts that determination into words. Here it is:

WHEREAS: The International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chauffeurs and Helpers, its Officials and members, the Executive Boards of the Long Beach, Wilmington, and San Pedro Labor Councils, and "The Long Beach Labor News" and "The Harbor Worker" are restrained from

## ON PICKET LINE



STAMEN PICKETING in a San Francisco strike. The right to picket must be fought for as an elementary constitutional right of labor.

Picketing the places of business of the Richmond Creameries or its customers because of a Long Beach anti-picketing ordinance, and

WHEREAS: This Oil Workers Union, Local 128, is vitally interested in the Long Beach and San Pedro Labor Councils on account of its being an official and integral part of each, and

WHEREAS: The basic aims and interest of this Oil Workers Union are identical to those of members of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Truck Drivers and Helpers Union, now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the officials of this Oil Workers Union appear at the next regular meeting of the Long Beach City Council, and demand the rescinding of this said anti-picketing ordinance, and be it further

RESOLVED: That Councilman Carl Fletcher be invited to introduce to his fellow councilmen the resolution rescinding this anti-picketing ordinance, and be it further

RESOLVED: That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Long Beach, San Pedro and Wilmington Central Labor Councils, and that we ask their concurrence, and be it further

RESOLVED: That a copy of this resolution be sent to "The Long Beach Labor News" and "The Harbor Worker" for publication, and be it further

RESOLVED: That this Union request the Long Beach Central Labor Council to take initiative action to place the rescinding of this anti-picketing ordinance before the voters of Long Beach.

## Canners Collect \$560 For Mooney

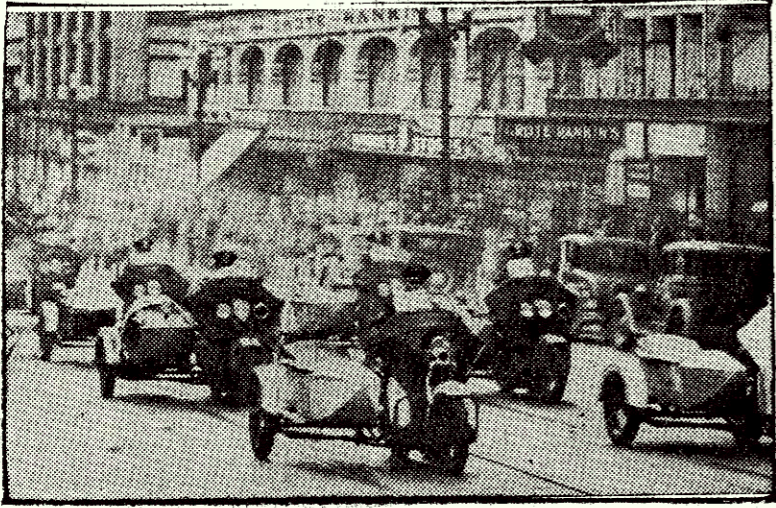
SAN FRANCISCO.—The Alaska Cannery Workers Union has something more to brag about, and it needn't be a bit abashed about bragging.

The union has collected \$560 for the Mooney Defense Fund since the members' return from Alaska early in August.

The young but peppy union has also voted \$200 as a loan to the Maritime Nations Recreation Center in this city.

Unity between Socialists and Communists blaze the way to unite all toilers!

## WHY A FARMER-LABOR PARTY?



POLICE RUSH down to the gates of the struck Goodrich rubber factory in Akron last week. The city officials, Republican or Democratic, invariably do this to strikers. A Farmer-Labor Party administration would not allow use of cops against strikers.

## "Point of Order"

(A Trade Union Column)

By Slim

A FEW YEARS BACK, the steel workers' kids in Sparrows Point, near Baltimore, Md., decided to quit the Boy Scouts, lay off playing tin soldier, and do a really good deed.

There were stoolies in the Bethlehem Steel Mill, so the kids got after the stoolies' kids. They made the lives of the stoolies' young miserable. The result was that the stools had to leave town rather quickly.

Longshoremen's kids, and kids of other workers in San Francisco, seem to have resorted to a somewhat similar tactic. We hope to see it spread.

It seems that the young son of Thomas G. Plant, chairman of the shipowners' coast committee, attends a certain public high school in San Francisco. The Plant offspring sports the name of T. G. Plant Jr. He doesn't sport it so proudly, nowadays.

The son of a longshoreman, attending the same high school, had a nifty idea. Young Plant is now called "Tear Gas Junior" by the workers' kids.

But the workers' kids, we have it, don't confine themselves to mockery. They take it out on strikebreaker No. One's young darling in other and even harsher ways.

And is Plant, Sr., sore? He's supposed to have a lot of tear gas cached away somewhere, and no doubt he'd like to give the high school kids a dose of it.

### Bill Green's Sort of People

BILL GREEN is a rather pitiable object nowadays, though very few in the ranks of organized labor will waste much pity on him.

Bill recently took a firm grip on the ladder leading to oblivion, and descended another rung. This time it was at the American Legion convention in Cleveland, to which only the majors and colonels who fought many a heroic battle—in their dreams—are sent as delegates.

Bill discovered that the Legion and the A.F.L. are united in common purpose.

If Bill had sent "I, Bill Green and you are united, etc.," that wouldn't have been news to the convention hall full of Colonel Sanborns.

But what he said was news to most of the A.F.L. membership. Said Bill, speaking through his derby:

"We stand together in the promotion of highway safety, in the defense of our public school system, in the extension of better educational opportunities for all classes of people, in support of all the efforts which are being put forth to suppress crime, in the development of human welfare and the promotion of civic betterment and community service."

Green listed as one of his most "satisfying experiences" the writing of letters to the commander of the American Legion. "Every question submitted was promptly considered and answered in a most satisfying way," he said.

Organized labor and the Fascist Legion heads stand together on nothing."

### Time and Organized Labor March On

Here's a picture of awakening organized labor which has been scaring the open-shoppers stiff.

In fact, the Los Angeles Times, one of the most raucous voices of the open shoppers, croaked like a bullfrog with the cramps in speaking of the situation.

One day last week—Sept. 23—there were 4000 workers on strike in Los Angeles at one given moment. (This is the Times' own estimate.)

Affected were more than a score of furniture plants; about 15 upholstery plants; nine sportswear shops; half a dozen fur shops; two large bakeries; a boat building plant; a big creamery; several cleaning and dyeing plants; several optical plants; a cigar factory; a furniture springs plant; seven cabinet works, and a number of restaurants.

These strikers faced the full threat of the police—over 100 cops were mobilized against the strikers, at the above-mentioned time.

They faced arrest under the anti-picketing laws. But organized labor, like time, marches on in Los Angeles! And its membership grows fast.

## Harms Strike By Praise of Cops

SACRAMENTO.—How a reactionary labor leader can sometimes do as much harm to a strike as the employers themselves is shown in the praise given the State Highway Police by E. E. Winters, secretary of the Monterey County Central Labor Council.

The Salinas unions are affiliated with the Monterey County Council.

Winters wrote a letter to Governor Merriam which stated that the highway patrol "acted in an efficient and gentlemanly manner throughout their stay here."

He "found no grounds" for "rumors of misconduct" by the state highway police in the Salinas strike.

The state highway police led the attack on the strikers two

weeks ago Wednesday. Its chief, E. Raymond Cato, admitted bringing gas bomb equipment into Salinas. The highway police led the attack on the Labor Temple.

Cato led the bringing of the red scare into the strike. He made himself a laughing stock by reporting red-flags, placed by State Division of Highways on the roads, as an indication of a "red invasion" of the strike area.

## San Jose Council Asks LaFollette Probe of Salinas

SAN JOSE.—The terror against the Salinas strikers has caused the Santa Clara County Central Labor Council to act. The Council has unanimously passed a resolution requesting that the LaFollette civil liberties committee investigate suspension of civil liberties in Salinas.

## DRIVE TO BRING SAN JOSE FARM LABOR TO A.F.L.

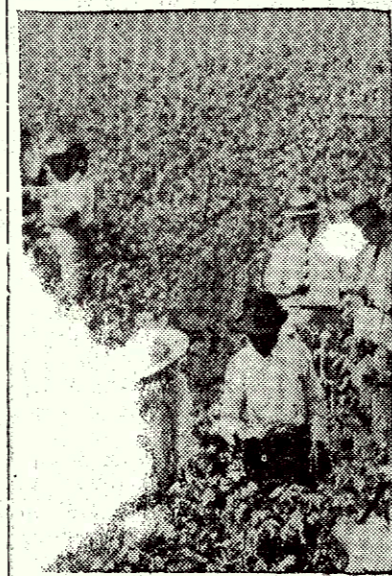
### Organizing Committee Set Up By Labor Council There

SAN JOSE.—All set for action in agriculture! That's the position of the Santa Clara Central Labor Council.

Inspired by the Salinas strikers, the organized labor movement here is getting into motion on behalf of the agricultural workers. Here's their plan, embodied in a resolution passed a week ago by the Central Labor Council:

WHEREAS, Santa Clara Valley is the world's largest can-

## IN CAL. FIELDS



CALIFORNIA COTTON pickers, who forced a wage increase recently.

ning and agricultural center and the majority of the workers in this valley depend on this industry for a livelihood, and

WHEREAS, Laboring conditions in this industry are very poor, wages extremely low, hours long, and hiring conditions very unfavorable to the workers, and

WHEREAS, Organized Labor is committed to a program of organizing the unorganized which in this valley specifically means the organization of Cannery and Agriculture workers, and

WHEREAS, This Council has twice pledged itself through the Stockton Conference and the Sacramento Convention to carry on this work, and

WHEREAS, in order to organize Cannery and Agriculture workers in this community it is necessary to set up a broad committee representing all unions and other progressive forces for the purpose of educating the public to the necessity of building such a Union,

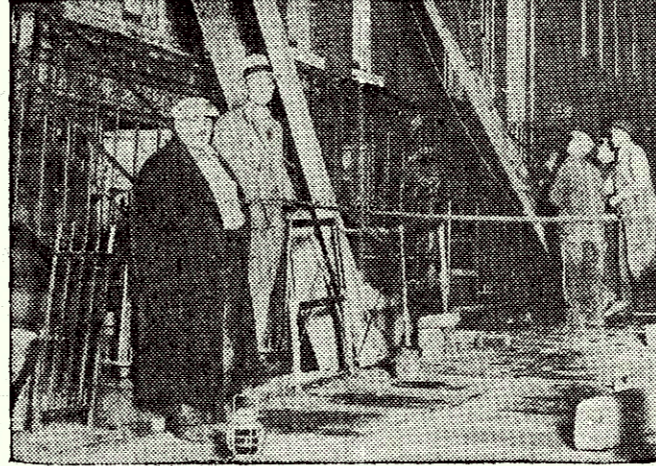
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Central Labor Council of Santa Clara County endorse the formation of a Committee for Agricultural Organization (C.A.O.), and be it further

RESOLVED, That a committee of seven (7) be elected from this Council to serve as delegates on the C.A.O., and be it finally

RESOLVED, That this Council appropriate \$50 from its treasury to carry on this work.

Make the Labor Page of the Western Worker a real page of, by and for organized labor.

## SPEEDUP KILLS BUILDING WORKERS



THEY DON'T REGARD themselves as "aristocrats" any more, the building trades workers. They've had to face mass unemployment and increased speedup in recent years. Result of such speedup is this recent building crash in New York City, in which several workers were killed.

## Mills of Injustice Dont Grind Slowly

LOS ANGELES—"The wheels of justice grind slowly...." but that was written a long while ago and certainly does not apply to the steam-roller methods of present day courts

when labor cases are involved.

An excellent example of this is illustrated in the recent decision by Superior Judge Ruben S. Schmidt by, which he issued an order restraining the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Stablemen and Helpers from maintaining a picket line at the plant and cafes of the Richmond Creameries, Inc., of Long Beach and Wilmington.

In a long list of asserted actions, naming several scores of defendants, the Richmond Creameries achieved the restraining order on the basis of a \$100,000 damage suit.

Judge Schmidt set a hearing on a petition for a permanent injunction for October 19 in the Long Beach Court, with the understanding that it may be returned to the Los Angeles Court should the Long Beach judges disqualify themselves, as three of them already have done in the last two days.

Among those names were: The Teamsters' Union, the San Pedro Wilmington Central Labor Council, Long Beach Central Labor Council, Long Beach Labor News publishers, Harbor Worker, Harry West Printing Company, and labor leaders and associates.

## Rotarians Eat This Stuff Up

LOS ANGELES.—J. Stuart Neary, lackey of the Merchants' and Manufacturers' Association, described what he called a plot to overthrow the government, to the members of the Rotary Club at a luncheon in the Biltmore Hotel here the other day.

Neary said that present day issues were not disputes between employers and employees over wages or hours or working conditions, but that all labor trouble can be traced "to an insidious scheme and plot" to destroy the American form of government.

Neary climaxed his tirade of lies and misinformation when he said that the M and M was fighting to prevent Harry Bridges, "the alien radical," from dictating to citizens of Los Angeles how they should eat, etc."

## I. L. A. POSITION ON ARBITRATION

### Stand On Vital Issues Is Explained

(Continued from Last Issue)

The whole spirit of the waterfront has changed. Brutal competition among the men has given way to co-operation. And the great advances made by the longshoremen have stimulated similar efforts among the other maritime crafts. These were formally wholly or partially disorganized. Today they are 100 per cent organized into one powerful federation known as the Maritime Federation of the Pacific Coast. The men have regained their self-respect and pride in their work. They are better workers and better citizens because of this. If this is "communism," then let the shipowners make the most of it!

### Why the Shipowners Are Still Fighting

If unionization of the maritime workers has resulted in such obvious social benefits both to the men and to the community, why, you may ask, are the shipowners complaining? It is because they will fight to the last ditch for every cent of their enormous profits. This may be a part of the answer, but not all. It is not difficult for them to offset the wage gains made by the men. That 10 cents an hour increase in wages has been more than met by substantially increased freight rates.

The real secret of their present inflated state of mind can be put in one word—control. For fourteen years they had full control of the waterfront. By a system of blacklisting and discrimination they were able to starve or frighten the waterfront workers into submission. They have the old predatory "overlord's" attitude toward industrial relations. They want to deal with "dependents," grateful for handouts—not with men. They cannot—or will not—adjust them-

## TYPOS UNMISTAKABLY SHOW THEIR INTENTION TO STICK BY THE C.I.O., AND FOR ITS POLICIES

### Green Staked A Lot On How Their Convention Would Go, and He Got a Black Eye, As Resolution Shows

INDIANAPOLIS.—The convention of the International Typographical Union, recently ended in Colorado Springs, was a critical test for the C.I.O. William Green, for the craft union reactionaries, staked a lot on swinging the Typos against the C.I.O. Green failed and got a trouncing.

The Typos sharply went on record, with one dissenting voice only, in giving support to the C.I.O.

Its resolution on this question is of great interest and importance to all trade unionists:

"Whereas, the Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor has suspended ten international unions associated under the title Committee for Industrial Organization because these international unions have engaged in organization and education campaigns to promote collective bargaining among unorganized workers in mass production and other industries; and

"Whereas, by its action the Executive Council has exercised authority not delegated to it by the constitution of the American Federation of Labor and taken an action never previously attempted by an executive council, the constitution specifically providing:

"Section 12. The Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor shall only have power to revoke the charter of an affiliated national or international union when the revocation has been ordered by a two-thirds majority of a regular convention of the American Federation of Labor, by a roll-call vote; and

"Whereas, the constitution of the American Federation of Labor contains no provision conferring upon its Executive Council authority to entertain charges against a national or international union, conduct a trial, or assess a penalty of suspension which in effect is the same as 'revocation of charter'; therefore, be it

"Resolved, that the International Typographical Union in annual session by this action refuses to recognize the Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor as authority to suspend a national or international union, thereby usurping power specifically reserved to regular conventions of the American Federation of Labor; and be it further

"Resolved, that the International Typographical Union hereby asserts its right individually or in concert with other national or international unions to engage in educational and organization activities among unorganized workers and to assist any or all national or international unions affiliated with the American Federation of Labor; and be it further

"Resolved, that the International Typographical Union hereby pledges such moral and financial support as it may contribute to the organization campaign among steel workers and in other unorganized industries

selves to the new era that has come to the waterfront. Still in their eyes they are the masters; we are the slaves. (To Be Continued)

## JOBLESS



THE UNEMPLOYED organized into the Workers Alliance show their support to organized labor, as described in story on page 6.

## Latest Stunt Of "Red" Hynes

LOS ANGELES.—"Red" Hynes head of the "Red Squad" here incited by the Los Angeles Times into believing, or professing to believe, that union clothing workers are terrorizing scabs at the Rosenblum shop, announced today that the matter would be laid before the District Attorney with the request for action by the grand jury.

Probably conjured up out of his own mind, Hynes stated through the labor-hating Times that there had been several acts of "sabotage" against "non-union" workers' homes.

He said that one of the scabs had reported to the police, a true detective story style, that a brick had been hurled through the window with the message—"Beware!" attacked to it.

now being conducted by the Committee for Industrial Organization; and be it further

"Resolved, that the executive officers of the International Typographical Union are hereby authorized to take such action as in their judgment may be necessary to protect and preserve the autonomous rights, privileges and powers of the International Typographical Union as an affiliate of the American Federation of Labor."

## THE FILIPINO AGRICULTURAL WORKERS WANT TO BE IN MAIN STREAM OF LABOR

(We reprint the following article from the "Commonwealth Times," organ of the Filipino Workers in California, published at Guadalupe, which is in the beetfields. It explains the Filipino workers' attitude in Salinas and their desire to be a part of the main stream of the organized labor movement.)

From the standpoint of organized labor, it is very timely for this publication to state its views regarding the situation in Salinas.

Believing in the strength and tangibility of the organized labor movement of which we are a part, we aim to expose the many tactics employed by our enemies in all its vicious and technical forms with the view to consolidate the field workers into the Unions—for it is only through labor unions by which the field workers can be protected, their interests and their civil rights can be safely guarded.

The eventful 1934 Salinas strike is still fresh in our memory. Its failure can be attributed to two main things: Firstly, it was due

to the lack of experience on the part of the leaders, not thoroughly acquainted with the policies of the F.V.W.U. No. 18211 (American Federation of Labor); secondly, it was due to organized terror and vigilantism under which no organized group—the Filipino Labor Union—can overcome.

The role played by the Filipino labor supply, one characteristic of treachery and false altruism when such an organization being under the control of the bosses and an avowed enemy of organized labor and strikes can be attributed as one of the main reasons why the 1934 strike was lost.

But the 1934 strike is folded into our book of valuable experiences. The Filipino leaders during the strike cannot be wholly blamed. Any sane person can see it.

Sacrifices for Union We should be grateful for their efforts and sacrifices for founding the present Filipino Labor Union, the first of its kind in this country. And thanks to the present leadership of the Union.

What mistakes had been made are just little things in comparison to the things achieved and the things to be achieved in the future.

Now about the Filipino Labor Supply Association, Inc. If we search into its records and the principles underlying its foundation, we will find that it is the greatest enemy of Filipino field workers. What is the Filipino Labor Supply Association? It is a plain organization of labor contractors pledged to obey the growers and shippers existing only as a parasite over the sweats of the workers.

To think that the Labor Contractors are for the workers is to believe that for the earth is flat. Field workers know the conditions in these Contractors camps and how these same contractors make money from the workers.

But the Labor Contractors are not a bunch of "dumb-heads" as they pretend to appear. In the present shed-workers strike, they make believe that it is through them that the wages has been voluntarily increased by the growers and shippers. Field workers must ask these

contractors if there is any signed contract between the Filipino Labor Supply Association and growers regarding the increase of wages for field workers. If they cannot produce such contracts, it is time that all field workers must band together and demand the extirpation of these labor contractors-parasites.

Filipino field workers may ask themselves why the wages has been raised voluntarily. The answer is plain enough. Sensing the fact that the Filipino Labor Union is entering the field with the F.V.W.U. 18211, the Growers and the Labor Contractors agreed that the best way to keep the shed workers and the field workers apart is to raise the wages of the field workers without putting a fight; thus, the present strike of the shed workers can be easily crushed by making the Filipino workers "scabs."

We are aware of the fact that 90% of the field workers are for the Union. They are wanting for leadership. In their hearts they harbor their hatred and enmity toward the Labor Contractors. They are afraid, how-

ever, to come out into the open lest they be fired out from the jobs.

The fact that there is no local or branch of the Union in Salinas, there is sufficient membership in the area which justifies our position of entering the field. At this writing, it is too early to predict the outcome of the shed-workers' strike.

The Filipino Labor Union is in keeping with the general labor movement in the country—particularly in this State. Surely, 35,000 Filipino field workers is not a mere drop in the bucket. That is why we are intent of being affiliated to the American Federation of Labor.

Unless the "cold-shoulder" attitude on the part of some Central Labor Councils toward the field workers will be changed—cooperating with them only after they are affiliated—the whole agricultural problem to organize the field workers will go to rocks. And, if the American Federation of Labor is really sincere of affiliating the independent unions, the matter must be taken up immediately before it is too late.